

PREPAID TELEPHONE CARDS COME TO ALASKA

One of the newest collectibles is a new form of money substitute - prepaid telephone cards. These have been gaining in popularity, with users and collectors outside of the U.S. for a number of years, and they are now catching on in big way in this country. Just last year, at least 3 magazines for collectors started publishing in the U.S. It was from one of these magazines that we learned of International Telecom, Inc., doing business in Alaska as Telcom Alaska.

International Telecom is the first company in the country to use "smart chip" telephones. Their first phones were installed in remote fishing villages in September, 1992. The chip on the card is coded with the face value of the card. As calls are made, the cost of the call is deducted from the card, and the phone displays the amount remaining on the card.

The face value of the cards is always divisible by 35 cents because one unit of calling time is the cost of 1 minute of calling time to any of the United States. International rates are country specific.

The cards have been very popular with Japanese fisherman and technicians in locations such as Dutch Harbor and Akutan. They are becoming very popular with Japanese tourists. They make it possible to easily make international calls without the use of an operator. The cards are available at company stores such as Icicle and Trident Seafoods. The cards are also available at cruise ship ports, Denali National Park lodges and selected gift shops and hotels in Alaska.



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3. Telephone displays dollar value in telephone card
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 - C. International Calls: 011+ country code+ crty code + Local phone number
5. Listen for your party to answer and press the "Push to Talk" button to start your conversation
6. When finished, hang up and remove telephone card

Photo Dog Mushing / Mt. McKinley, Alaska — photo by Jeff Schultz / Alaska Stock Images.
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EDITORIAL

Welcome to our 17th year! Is that possible?

Phonecards are the hottest new collectible to come on the hobby scene in some time. Several new magazines have appeared in the U.S. market over the last year devoted solely to phone cards.

We were alerted to phone cards in Alaska by an article in one of these magazines. Our thanks to Telcom Alaska/International Telecom, Inc. for the information and samples provided for this issue.

We are trying to clean our files, make a clean sweep of old information that just hasn't made it yet. So, as of this month, we are in need of all sorts of information from For the Record to Paper Potpourri to space fillers. We are set for a couple of months for front page articles, but they are always welcome, and we can bump yours to the head of the line if need be. Coming up will be articles on the Red Feather Saloon of Dawson, another polar exploration article and Antarctic Phone-cards (if we can ever get the information from "the ice").

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PHONECARDS , cont.

The latest series of cards features photos of the Aurora taken at Chena Hot Springs Resort, about 60 miles outside of Fairbanks. Chena Hot Springs is very popular with Japanese tourists in the winter. They come here to "experience the coldest temperatures" (a direct quote from a Japanese visitor), see the aurora and sit in the hot springs pools. A smart chip phone debuts at the Resort this winter!

Since they installed their first smart chip phones, about 80,000 cards have been issued. International Telecom never thought the cards would become as popular with collectors as they have. They have been written about in magazines in Germany, Italy, New Zealand, and Australia, and soon in Japan.

While the chip interferes with the artwork on the face of the card, most collectors want the chip on the front so the card can be immediately identified as a chip card. The new Aurora series places the chip on the back so as not to detract from the photos. The only other card to have the chip on the back is the commemorative card depicting most of the cards from International Telecom.

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Commemorative issue card #1 — shows all "Smart Chip" telephone cards issued by International Telecom, Inc. since Sept. 1992

15,000 copies/35¢ per unit/9-94

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The enclosed brochure shows all of International Telecom's smart chip cards. Several are sold out. They have seen their Alaska Flag cards selling for as much as \$454 in the collector market, while the Husky has sold for \$80. While the collector market is strong, International Telecom, Inc. are "telephone people who will sell our cards at face value."

ARIZONA CHARLIE'S

While looking through a dealer's price list of gambling chips, we found these from Arizona Charlie's in Las Vegas. We are informed that Arizona Charlie's is frequented by older visitors and locals. Arizona Charlie Meadows opened the Palace Grand Theater in Dawson in 1899. It has been restored by Parks Canada and is now the home of the Gaslight Follies.



The \$1 chip has a light blue star with orange, yellow and black design, and \$1 in red, all on a white background. The \$5 chip is yellow, flesh, orange and black on a red background. The edges are red, white and blue, and orange and red, respectively

1995 STATE MEDAL

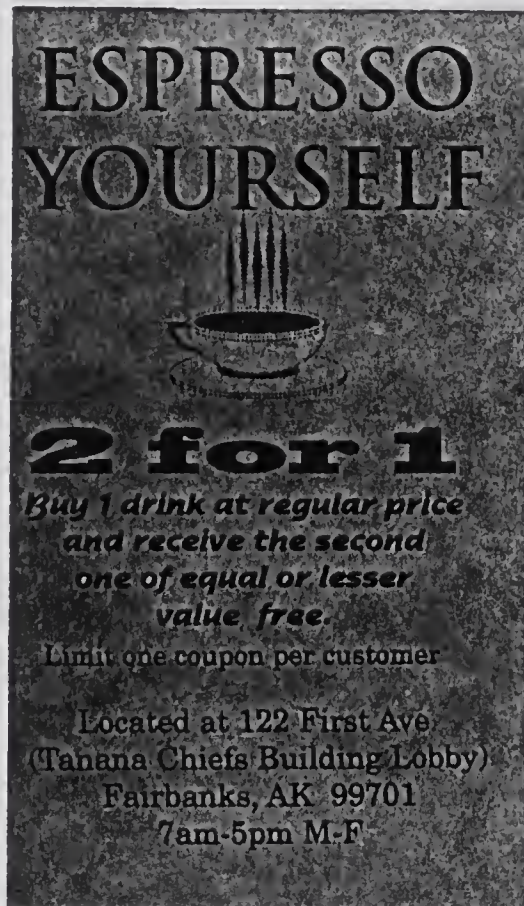


The Alaska Mint in Anchorage announced recently that the 1995 state medal will feature puffins. This design is a vast improvement over the long necked, scaly feathered version on the 1991 gold medals by Alaska Precious Metals.

ESPRESSO

I have a hard time understanding people that will pay more for a cup of coffee than I want to spend on lunch! But espresso/cappuccino/latte bars are the big thing in Fairbanks these days. How many years behind the trend are we?

Two Street Station, just a few door east of us on Second Ave. uses punch cards. The one illustrated below is the second that we have reported. The first was on page 42 last year. This one is purple on lavender.



Espresso Yourself has a 2 for 1 card, printed black on purple. Both cards are 51mm by 89mm.

There are several other Espresso bars in Fairbanks (it seems like they are on every corner), and we suspect that they also have some sort of premium card.

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SIBERIAN SCRIP



In the October 24, 1994 issue of Coin World, 5 Rubles scrip for use in Soviet prison camps was reported. A Russian visitor, with very limited English indicated that it stated it was for a "camp", and not a very nice camp.

We have submitted the piece for translation and will let you know more when we know more.

The paper is coarse, tan in color. The front is printed in brown, while the back has a blue stamp resembling a postmark. The note measures 70mm by 82mm.

I must admit a certain amount of suspicion on items coming out of the old Soviet Union. I received a Siberian 1/4 Kopek from a collector in Magadan (Russian Far East) and ANAAB stated that it was counterfeit!

FOR THE RECORD



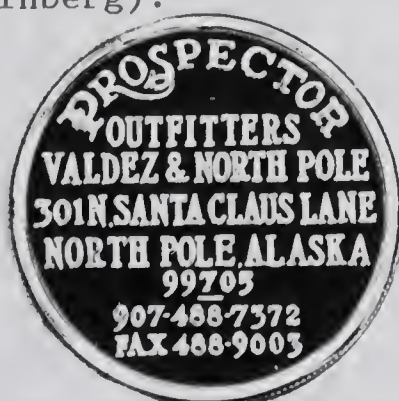
CORDOVA: Mt. McKinley #5 F. & A.M. 75th Year, 1986. This is a Masonic piece. Bronze, 38.3mm.



FAIRBANKS: Par 4 (Family Fun Center), undenominated, but good for 20 pitches in the batting cage. Brass, 28.5mm, HH mint-mark. Guess where your editor is spending too much time!



KETCHIKAN: Match safe, M.E. Martin, Side Board Saloon, circa 1917. Paper label under clear celluloid (submitted by Alan Weinberg).

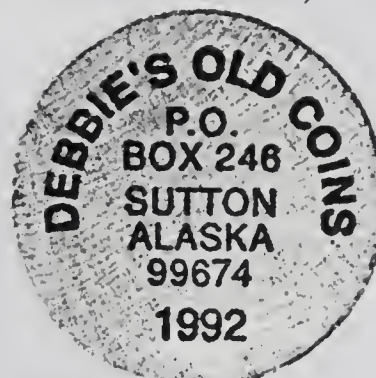


NORTH POLE: Prospector Outfitters, 1 oz. silver round, 1991. Owned by the Prax family, former owners of Star of the North Bakery just down the street from us on Second Ave. In 1991, they had stores

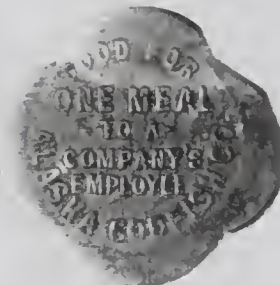
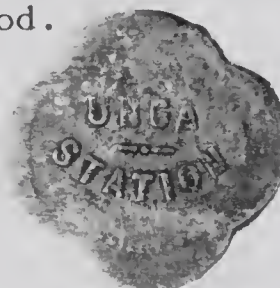
in Valdez and North Pole. Recently, they opened a store in Fairbanks. They don't remember how many were struck, but think it was either 500 or 1,000. These are available for \$22.50, postpaid, from Prospector Outfitters, 1512 South Cushman, Fairbanks, AK 99701



SKAGWAY-HAINES: Lynn Canal Shrine Club, Al Aska. Bronze, 31.7mm.



SUTTON: Debbie's Old Coins, 1992. Black on wood.



UNGA STATION, AK: Alaska Codfish Co., Good for one meal to a company's employee. Brass, 4 scalloped, 28mm. Two similar pieces listed under Unga from Winchester Station and Baranoff Station (submitted by Alan Weinberg).

OBITUARY

We have just learned that Ray Mansfield of Douglas passed away on September 25, 1994 at the age of 76. Ray was well known and well respected by Alaskan collectors.

Mr. Mansfield was born in Homer, Nebraska on December 12, 1917 and came to Juneau in 1940.

He opened the Red Dog Saloon in Juneau with Gordon Kanouse on December 23, 1950. At the time of his death, he was 1/3 owner of the Imperial Bar, the oldest bar in Juneau.

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RED FEATHER SALOON DAWSON, Y.T.

In the fall of 1990, it was decided to renovate the old Red Feather Saloon building, and turn it into an interpretive center and the new home of the territorial liquor store. The reconstruction was to also take in Brown's Harness Shop and the 3rd Ave. Blacksmith shop, two properties adjacent to the Red Feather.

McDonald's Saloon was built at this location in 1902. In 1914 it was known as The Hub or Dell's Place. The Red Feather Saloon, under Tom O'Brien of the O'Brien Brewing Company took over about that time.

Because of the advanced state of decay, the three properties were dismantled. A good portion of the Red Feather will be reinstalled in the new building. The restoration will date back to about 1914. While "McDonald's" was considered for the reconstruction, there seemed to be a trade mark problem with the name.

A table advertising card invites you to "Try the Taste of Adventure." Red Feather Saloon whisky? Never heard of it.

An interesting item to compliment a Yukon token collection is the

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EDITORIAL

This issue presents a little bit of everything.

For you bottle collectors, Jim Robb advises to get your Red Feather Whiskey soon, as he believes they only have a few left. But short of going to Dawson, I have no idea how that would be done. I have mine, unopened on display at the store. I don't drink, but had a dream the other night that I drained it in one sitting. Scary thought.

Alan Weinberg shows us the value of persistence, and Alan is nothing if not persistent.

An interesting twist to the Spitsbergen token story. Because of this, we have seen these in a token auction with an estimate of \$125!

Our thanks as usual to Jim Robb, and all other contributors. We are just about out of "For the Record" items. If you have any newly issued pieces that have not appeared yet, make a photocopy or rubbing and send them in. We can always use space fillers and short articles, and are more than happy to receive long articles, too!

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IN PURSUIT OF TOKENS



I'd known about the Fort Davis, Alaska 10 cents and the Baber & Lycan, Rampart City, Alaska 50 cents tokens for ten years. They'd both been in the same serious collector's hands for that period. And, they were simply unobtainable.

Over that decade I tactfully, and once a year reminded the owner of my intense interest. I felt, sooner or later....

I knew that time of year was approaching when I would once again see the collector. A few weeks beforehand, I sent a postcard just reminding him of my continuing interest.

Was I surprised when, at the little mid-western collectible show, the collector said he had the tokens with him. My heart skipped a beat. Could this mean that all that patience would be rewarded?

The collector warned me his price, were he to be persuaded to sell, would be enormous, a show-stopper. I waited, breath abated. Wow. Yup, the price "for the pair only" was enormous. I swallowed and after a brief examination with a glass, said, "OK".

It pays to wait and ever-so-gently periodically remind a reluctant seller of your interest. And to be prepared to pay a good, strong, ultra-persuasive price.

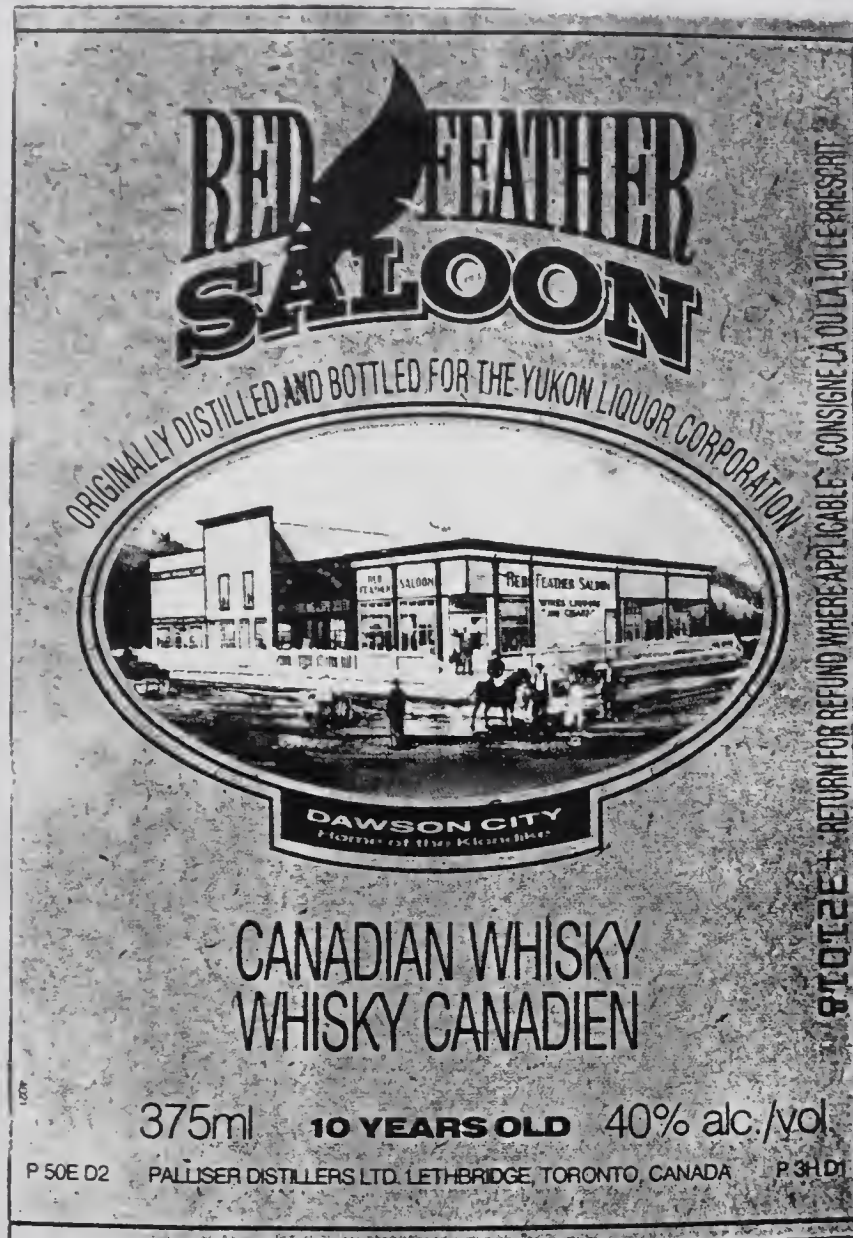
At the same very same show, I acquired a \$1 Alaska Fish & Lbr. Co. token from Shakan. That's the fun thing about tokens. You never know where you're going to find 'em.

-Alan Weinberg

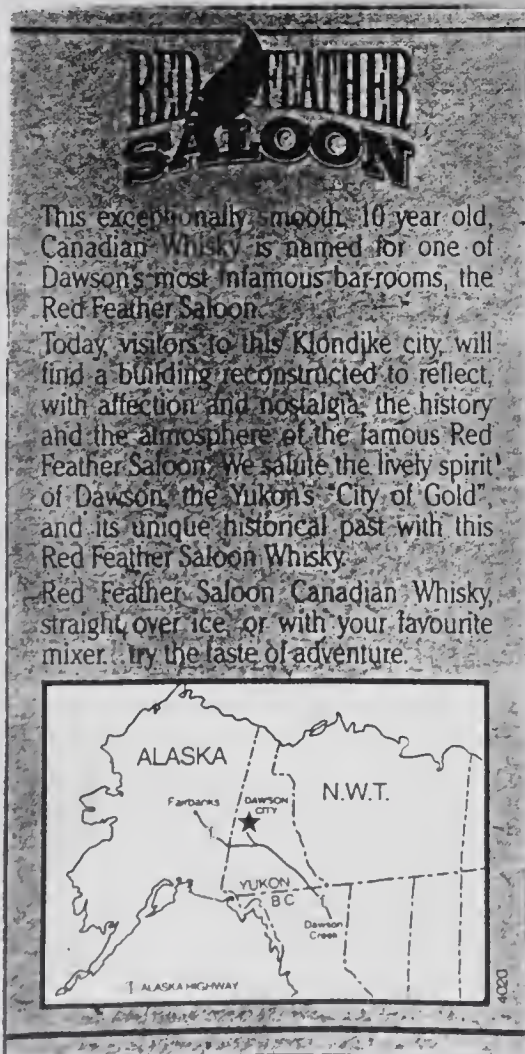
(ed. note: All three tokens have been previously reported in ATC&PN and will be listed in the new edition of "Alaska Tokens by Ron Benice)

RED FEATHER SALOON

whisky now being marketed in Yukon by the Yukon Liquor Corporation. Red Feather



Saloon whisky features a very nice brown, antique looking label with an illustration of the saloon, with elevated boardwalk. A red feather adds a dash of color. The back of the label calls the Red Feather Dawson's most infamous barroom. Surprising since its life was short, due to prohibition or because O'Brien failed to purchase a hotel licence.



SPITSBERGEN TOKENS RECALLED



The 1993 tokens issued for the use of Russian coal miners on Spitsbergen have been recalled at the request of the Norwegian Government.

The Norwegian Government objected to the legend "Russian Federation" on the tokens. Coins or tokens with the statement "Russian Federation" cannot legally circulate in Norwegian territory. The previous issue in 1946 did not carry a legend stating that they were issued by the U.S.S.R.

These tokens were used in the Russian mining towns of Barentsburg and Pyramiden. The tokens were issued in denominations of 10, 25, 50 and 100 Rubles. Approximately 22 million Rubles were shipped back to Russia and melted.



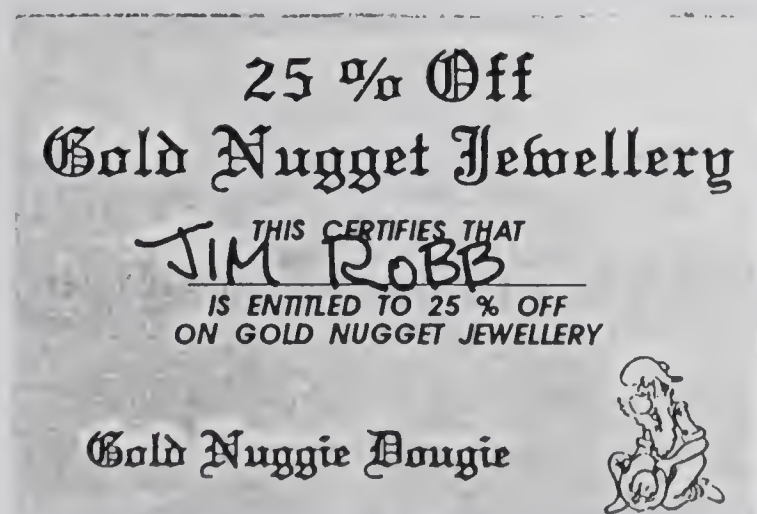
In other news from Norway, a new 200 Kroner bank note has been issued showing a map of the north polar regions. Spitsbergen is shown, but we cannot tell from the illustration if Bear Island or Jan Mayen Island are shown.



WHITEHORSE: Taku Hotel, complementary continental breakfast. Computer printed, mostly in brown, with orange and blue on off-white paper. 165mm by 77mm.



WHITEHORSE: Midnight Sun Gifts, \$1.00 off. Black on pink, 160mm by 84mm.

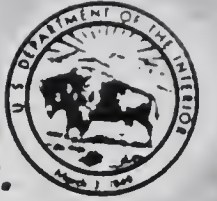


WHITEHORSE: Gold Nuggie Dougie, 25% off gold nugget jewelry. Red on yellow card, 72mm by 51mm.

PAPER POTPOURRI

ANCHORAGE: An Evening with Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt. Admission limited to DOI (Department of Interior) Employees by Ticket Only. Black on green cardboard, 112mm by 88mm.

Talk about your friendly audience! Typical of the eco-preservationist (posy sniffer as Joe Vogler used to say) mentality. All you guys down south now breathing MTBE in your auto exhaust have our deepest sympathy. Where are the environmentalists when you really need them?



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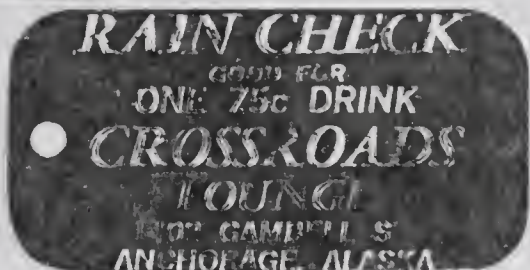
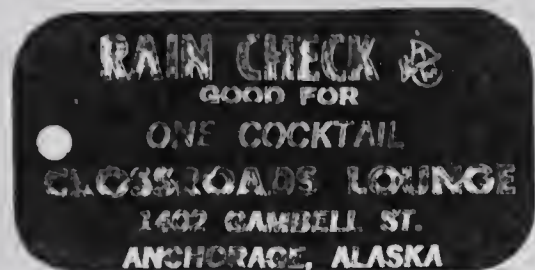
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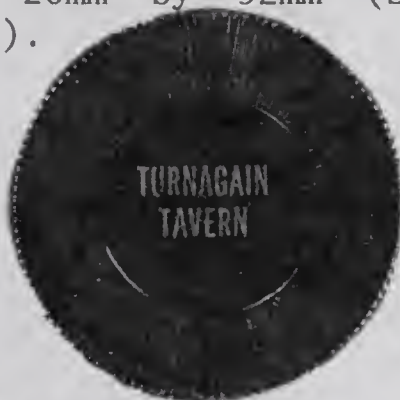
PURCHASING AGENT

SITKA: Oxenberg Bros., First Bank of Sitka check. Red and black on blue with white border, 205mm by 80mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

FOR THE RECORD



ANCHORAGE: Crossroads Lounge Rain Checks. Good for One Cocktail, silver on black plastic (previously reported). Good for One 75¢ Drink, gold on green plastic. Both are 26mm by 52mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ANCHORAGE: Turnagain Tavern, Rain check. Plastic poker chip type, 39mm, gold lettering on blue (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

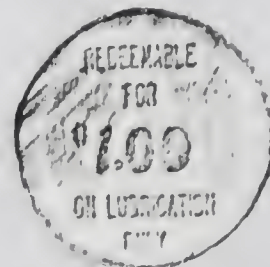
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ANCHORAGE: Truman's 515 Club, "Buck" drink or beer. Black on white, 65mm by 50mm.

Front is plastic multi-colored with bucking bronc that "moves" (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ANCHORAGE: Tut's Service, Redeemable for \$1.00 on Lubrication only. Brass, 26mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



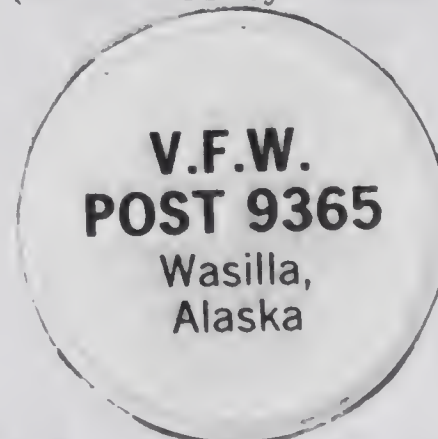
DILLINGHAM: Dillingham Beaver Round-Up. Gold on green plastic, uniface, 42mm with raised rim (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



FAIRBANKS: Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, 1994 Christmas 1 oz. silver round.



KENAI: Nikiski Terrace Club, Rain Check. Brass, 32mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



WASILLA: V.F.W. Post 9365, uniface. Black lettering on white plastic with raised rim, 42mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

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FALKLAND ISLANDS PHONECARDS

While phonecards are new to Alaska, the Falkland Islands have been using them since December 1983. One must presume with a population of just over 2,100, with about 1,550 of that in Stanley, the capital, that local use is negligible. The big users of the phonecards are the military personnel stationed there since the Falklands War of 1982.

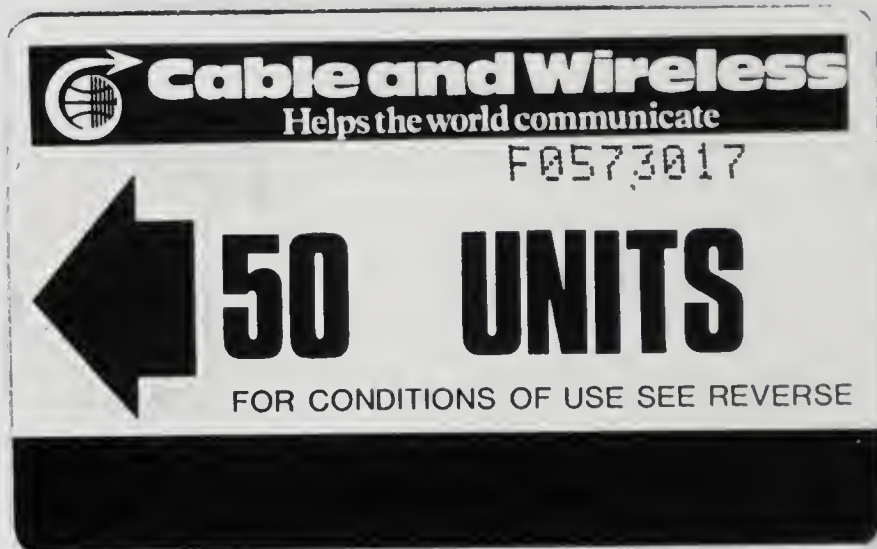
The first cards issued were "Autelca" cards. Cable and Wireless is in white on blue on all three cards. The 50 Units (£7.50) is printed in green, the 100 Units (£15) in light blue, and the 200 Units (£30) in red. The magnetic strip is at the bottom of the card.

A control number is found on the front of the card. The "F" prefix indicates that it is for the Falklands. "Conditions of Use" is printed on the back of the card in black on white.

All values have minor variations in the size of the control numbers. More radical variations exist on the 50 Units cards. Some were issued without control numbers, while others were issued with blank backs.

A shortage of 50 Unit cards caused C&W to devalue the magnetic strip on some 100 Unit cards. These carry marker stripes through the value.

Heritage Year, 1992 was the subject of the last Autelca phonecard. Coin collectors will recognize that 1992 was a "big" year for the Falklands, with commemoratives issued for the 10th Anniversary of Liberation, the 400th Anniversary of Discovery, and the Centenary of Christchurch Cathedral and the Falkland Islands Defence Force.



CONDITIONS OF USE

1. This card is not refundable
2. Do not bend
3. Payphone will not accept damaged cards
4. For time per unit please see display in booth
5. Valid for use in country of purchase only

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EDITORIAL

The purists among you will not be happy with another article on phonecards this soon after the first. We are sorry about this, but the information came in at this time, and we wanted to use it as soon as possible. Long time subscribers will realize that the Falklands is one of my interests and hopefully will be understanding.

We actually received a phone call from Brian Summers of Cable & Wireless in the Falklands just before this went to "press". He made some corrections, and provided additional information. Our thanks to Brian, as without his input, this article would not have been possible.

Included in this issue are the Alaskan lots from our auction to held in Fairbanks on March 18.

If you are a member of the ANA, pay close attention to the April issue of the Numismatist (if on schedule)!

While setting up the old Leading Edge Model D (for dinosaur) computer at the October auction, it died. Fortunately, I

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ran home and brought back an IBM compatible "generic". Since October, I have had three data disks go "bad" on this computer. Fortunately, they have not had data that could not be reconstructed. Hopefully, this will be the last issue of ATC&PN prepared on this computer. We have ordered a new, 486 DX-4/100. Faster than a speeding bullet, able to leap bits and bytes in a single milli-second, etc. Don't know if the next issue will look different, as we may continue using the same word processor.

For those of you that don't understand computers but want to, go to your local library or book store and look at *The Secret Guide to Computers*. Don't buy one now, as the new, 20th edition is due out in March. Easy reading in understandable English. In one hour, you will know more about computers than you thought possible. If you like it as much as I do, write to Russ Walter, 22 Ashland St. (Floor 2), Somerville, MA 02144-3202, or call 617-666-2666 and ask for ordering instructions for the 20th edition. You will want to take advantage of the very liberal quantity discount when ordering those extras for kids, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

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Similar to a Two Pound coin issued for the Heritage Year, the phonecard has the Falklands coat of arms and native flora. The front of this card lacks the "Conditions of Use" statement.

After the final Autelca card, GPT cards were issued beginning in 1993. The first was a set featuring penguins.



The £7.50 card featured a Rockhopper penguin, the £10 featured a Magellanic penguin and the £15 (above) has the majestic King penguin, with fluffy chicks in the background.



The next set of three cards featured Bristow Helicopters over a map of the Falklands on the £7.50 (above), MS Explorer on the £10 and a satellite dish on the £15.

Two cards are currently being printed. The £7.50 has the Queen Elizabeth II (cruise ship) on the face. The £10 has a photographic montage, with the Steamer Darwin in front of the offices of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd. The Darwin was the Falklands' main contact with the outside world from about 1958 to 1972. These are slated for release in April.

Future issues will feature an RAF F-4 Phantom over the Falklands, and the British Antarctic Survey vessel Bransfield (from the same photo as the the £3 British Antarctic Territory stamp).

It is the intention of the Cable & Wireless to eliminate the £7.50 denomination and to issue cards in £5, £10 and £15 values.

Current cards can be ordered at face value from Cable & Wireless, P.O. Box 179, Stanley, Falkland Islands. Shipping is £2 for the first 20 cards and £2 for each additional 25 cards. Payment must be made in Pounds.

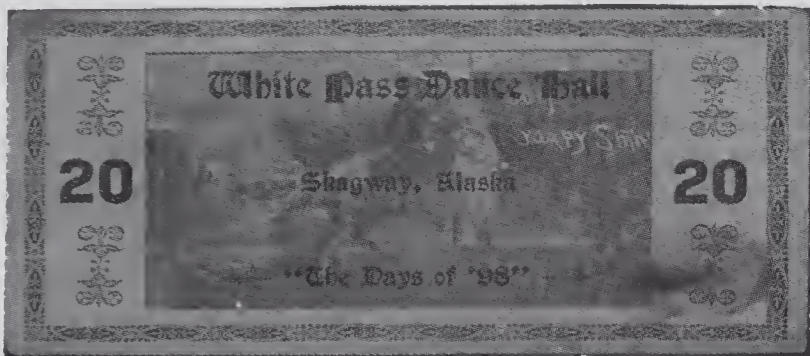
Used cards are available in limited quantities for £2.50 per set of 3. Postage is the same as above. All proceeds from the sale of used cards go to charity.

Cable & Wireless is to be commended for producing large quantities of all cards, and refraining from producing small-run cards for sale to collectors. Our thanks go to Mr. Brian Summers of C&W for helping us to compile this information.

FALKLAND PHONECARDS CHECK-LIST

Autelca	50 Units	[]
Autelca	100 Units	[]
Autelca	200 Units	[]
Autelca	100 Units dev. to 50 Units	[]
Autelca	50 Units Heritage Year	[]
GPT	£7.50 Rockhopper Penguin	[]
GPT	£10 Magellanic Penguin	[]
GPT	£15 King Penguin	[]
GPT	£7.50 Bristow Helicopters	[]
GPT	£10 MS Explorer	[]
GPT	£15 Satellite Dish	[]
GPT	£7.50 QE II (April 1995)	[]
GPT	£10 Ship/F.I.Co. (4/95)	[]
GPT	£10 RAF F-4 Phantom	[]
GPT	£5 BAS vessel Bransfield	[]

WHITE PASS DANCE HALL



A recent auction catalogue listed four specimens of the White Pass Dance Hall scrip in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50, all with estimates of \$500 to \$1000.

This group of notes had been offered for sale in the October issue of Banknote Reporter in a similar price range.

We wrote to the auctioneer to voice our opinion of these notes. In our letter, we suggested that he also contact Kaye Dethridge. Today, Ron Benice called to see if we had seen the catalogue. He advised that he had spoken with the auctioneer. At this time, we do not know what action the auctioneer will take.

So, if you happened to see this auction and have some of these notes, please don't get your hopes up! These are a scarce item, but by no means rare.

The illustration above seems a bit elongated. Ron advises that the auctioneer is using a new scanner for his catalogues, and this has distorted some of the other images.

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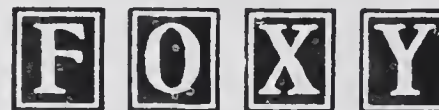
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An interesting flier from the first Dawson City Gold Rush Festival. Was Bert Lahr in "The Wizard of Oz"? The Dance Hall girl was used on the medals issued in 1962, as well as on Diamond Tooth Gerties gambling chips (submitted by Christie Tavenor).

FOR THE RECORD



(ANCHORAGE): Norma Jordet Hoyt, Private Treasury, 1971. 100 Grains Sterling Silver by the Franklin Mint, 26mm. This is the second "Private Treasury" piece we have seen from Alaska!



ATKA, ALEUTIAN ISLAND, AK: Native Store, Good for \$1.00 in Trade. Aluminum, 38mm. (Bill Becht, P.O. Box 2, Bellingham, WA 98227. Phone 360-332-1870. ATCO Mail Bid Sale closing March 15. Also in the sale are Skagway Board of Trade; Hoonah Pkg. Co. 5 cents and 50 cents. Give Bill a call to place bids).

ALASKA MINT 1994 FINAL MINTAGES

OFFICIAL STATE MEDALLION - BEAR

Silver	1 oz. Proof	6,800
Silver	1 oz. Proof-Like	5,665
Silver	1/4 oz.	1,550
Silver	1/10 oz.	1,550
Gold	1 oz. Proof	155
Gold	1/2 oz. Proof	85
Gold	1/10 oz. Proof	500

35th ANNIVERSARY OF STATEHOOD

Silver	1 oz. Proof	1,160
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YUKON QUEST

Silver	1 oz. Proof	2,500
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ALASKA RAILROAD

Silver	1 oz. Proof	1,500
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The Alaska Mint will be striking 1/2 oz. silver medals in the Official State series in 1995.

BOOK REVIEW

Alaska Tokens by Ron Benice, Token and Medal Society, 1994. Suggested retail: \$39.95.

The long awaited second edition of Alaska Tokens is now in transit, and should be available as you read this. We received a copy from Mr. Benice via air mail a couple of days ago.

The second edition is greatly expanded from the first edition. The number of pages has been expanded from 208 to 334. The number of tokens has been expanded from 1485 to 1850, and the number of new "towns" is 18.

Pricing is always difficult and subjective at best. It has been updated, with tokens in the moderate to scarce range increasing, with common tokens remaining the same. Some scarce and rare tokens have increased in catalogue value, while others have decreased as more become available. Tokens with a "known" hoard from scarce towns seem to have a uniform \$50 price (Ron, you're killing me on this one!). Other hoard tokens are priced accordingly.

Two major improvements have been made. Town headings can now be found at the top of each page. Also, since the first edition, a number of dies have come onto the market. Each token known to have a surviving die is marked with a [D].

Everything is not rosy, though. Especially the cover! It is not the familiar gold on red, but a very drab black on green. It almost looks like an army publication! The paper is no longer glossy as in the first edition. Finally, the type face in the first edition seems to make it easier to differentiate between bold type and regular text. Cosmetically, the second edition does not come up to the standards of the first edition.

Despite the cosmetic disappointment, the contents live up to all expectations. This is a fine addition to any token collectors library.

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Alaska Tokens



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230	Alaska Tokens: Bethel , Olsen Bros., \$1 in trade; Cordova , Alaskan Hotel, 12 1/2 cents in trade. Two pieces.	20.00
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232	Alaska Tokens: Kobuk , Harry Brown, 25 cents and 50 cents in trade. 2 pcs.	20.00
233	Alaska Token: Kobuk , Harry Brown, \$1 in trade.	18.00
234	Alaska Token: McCarthy , Johnson Hotel, 12 1/2 Cents in trade.	45.00
235	Alaska Tokens: Port Alexander , John Jacobsen, 12 1/2 cents in trade; T.J. Jacobsen, \$1 in trade. These have been cleaned. Two pieces.	22.00
236	St. Lawrence Island (Alaska) Tokens: Gambell , Reindeer Commercial Co., 1, 5, 10, and 25 cents in trade; Savoonga , Reindeer Commercial Co., 1 and 50 cents in trade. A total of 6 tokens.	40.00
237	Alaska Tokens: Shishmaref , Native Store, 5 cents in trade; Skagway , Perry Hern, 12 1/2 cents in trade; Teller , Teller Commercial Co., 5 cents in trade. Three tokens.	15.00
238	Alaska Token: Seward , The Northern, 12 1/2 cents in trade. Nice pictorial in "native copper." Very popular and affordable. Grade is about Fine.	40.00
239	Alaska Token: Valdez , Copper Block Buffet, 12 1/2 cents trade check. Another "native copper" with a harbor scene of Valdez. This example grades about EF. Very popular.	45.00
240	Alaska Gold: One Pinch , 1897, EF-AU, GBD-109.	200.00
241	Alaska Gold: 1/4 DWT , Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition, 1909, EF, GBD-169. Alaska Gold was very popular even when it was first issued, as shown by the number of die varieties.	125.00
242	Alaska Statehood Medal , 1959. Struck by Heraldic Arts Co., the first in a series of silver medals to simulate commemorative half dollars. Very attractive with a portrait of Seward flanked by two bears on the obverse and the state flag over Mt. McKinley on the reverse.	25.00
243	Kennedy Half Dollar , 1964-D, MS-63. Not a big deal, except it is housed in a plastic holder with the following: "Alaska National Bank of Fairbanks". ANB had these holders made in 1964 when the new halves came out. A neat item from a defunct bank.	10.00
244	Alaska Purchase Centennial , 1967. Set of silver and bronze medals, struck by the Philadelphia Mint. Obverse features "the Sourdough" while the reverse has the Purchase Centennial totem. In special holder.	30.00
245	Alaskan Medal . Fairbanks, "A-67", Pioneer Memorial Park. Issued in 1967 to commemorate the Centennial of the purchase of Alaska from Russia and to note the opening of Pioneer Memorial Park, now Alaskaland. The reverse of this medal has something for everyone: Moose and caribou, a mine shaft, riverboat, locomotive and modern architecture. One set of numbered silver and bronze and five additional bronze medals.	40.00
246	Pipeline Medals . These medals are from the 12 piece set issued between 1974 and 1977. Included in this lot are: #2, 1975M, Ice Bridge; #3, 1975J, Laying pipe in Tonsina River; #5, 1975D, Yukon River Bridge; and #6, 1976M, Hovercraft with correct reverse (see the next lot for #6 with the wrong reverse). A total of 4 medals.	60.00

- 247 **Error Pipeline Medal.** This medal is number 6 of the 12 medal set, but it was struck with the reverse die used on medals #2 to #5. The first 1400 (approximately) were struck with the wrong reverse, making this variety one of the scarcer pieces in the set. 50.00+
- 248 **Trans-Alaska Pipeline "Golden Weld" Medal, 1977.** This 10K gold medal noted the completion of the pipeline. Thin, quarter-size, it contains .0417 oz. of pure gold. 30.00
- 249 **White Pass & Yukon Railroad,** large bronze, uniface medal. We had these made in 1982 from 70 year old dies with only 100 struck to our order by Medallic Art Company. These sold out almost immediately, and are available only when a collector decides to sell. Also included in this lot is the **Skagway** and **White Horse Rapids** medals from the same series. All are numbered 020. While the later two medals are still available, the White Pass & Yukon is hard to find and very desirable because of its railroad motif. Set of 3 large (3.5 inches in diameter) bronze, uniface medals. 200.00+
- 250 **Alaskan Express,** large bronze, uniface medal. This medal completes the set of four large medals struck for us by Medallic Art Co. This medal matches the serial number (020) of the previous lot. 50.00
- 251 **Alaska 1 oz. Silver Medal, 1989, Proof??** In 1989, the first year of issue, there was very little difference between Proof and early strike non-proof issues. We cannot definitely state that this is a proof, but it does have frosted relief and mirror fields. It is vastly superior to those that we still have in stock from 1989. Mintage on the proofs was only 1700. If you want an exceptional specimen for your collection, this is it. 100.00
- 252 **Alaska 1/10 Gold Medal, 1989.** First year of issue. Very scarce, only 217 minted. This is the first that we have offered in several years. A rare opportunity for those who missed this piece to add it to their collection. Some light scuffing in the fields that does not overly detract. This will bring a premium bid. 300.00+
- 253 **Little Creek Mine Silver Medal, Ophir, Alaska, 1990.** Obverse shows mining machinery, reverse a gold panner with gold flakes in the pan. Attractive and elusive medal. 30.00
- 254 **Bradley Lake Hydro Project Silver Medal, 1991.** Only 500 minted, most used as presentation pieces to dignitaries. Struck by the Anchorage Mint. 75.00
- 255 **Savings Bank.** First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Fairbanks, AK. This S&L dates back to at least the 50s, but went defunct in the great S&L scandal. This bank is in the shape of a book, with the name of the institution on the front, "Book of Thrift" on the spine, and "For Baby" on the back. The cover is simulated white leather (plastic) over a brass case. This locking bank, with key, was patented in 1923. 100.00
- 256 **First Day of Issue Programs.** Alaska Statehood, 25th Anniversary, 1984, First day of issue at Fairbanks, January 3 1984. Program is signed by Bill Bond (artist), Bill Sheffield, Willam. F. Bolger (Postmaster General), Bill Egan, Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski. Also, four Owl stamps, First day of issue at Fairbanks, August 26, 1978. Both have their respective stamps with the "First Day of Issue" cancellation. Two programs. 25.00+
- 257 **First Day Covers with Gold Stamp Replica.** Four Northwest Indian Art stamps on FDC with gold foil replicas. Stamps depict masks of the Tlingit, Chilkat Tlingit, Bella Coola, and Heiltsuk Bella Coola. Accompanied by original descriptive literature. Four FDCs. 20.00
- 258 **Prinz Brau, Alaska Beer, circa 1978.** Two clear glass mugs. Each has the Prinz Brau logo twice, one in just blue, and the other in blue and yellow. These stand 5 inches tall and are quite heavy. False bottom to give the appearance of holding more than they really do. 30.00+

ALASKAN TOKENS

We recently purchased a local coin collection, and it had a few really good, old tokens. We are also listing a few of the better tokens currently in stock. Only one of each in stock, except ones marked with a *. We recommend a phone call to reserve these. New Benice numbers used, followed by old Benice numbers () if the number changed.

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Chatanika, Bingle Fritz, 25 Cents only. Bingle Fritz partially readable. B-1a	125.00
Chatanika, Bingle Fritz, 50 Cents only. Bingle Fritz is strong. B-1b	175.00
(Cleary), "Fritz", no denomination, corroded, dug. Price reduction. B-1a	75.00*
(Cleary), Totem, 12 1/2 Cents, dug but nice. B-4a	50.00*
(Cleary), Eddie Willis, Good in Trade, corroded, dug. Price reduction. B-6a	100.00*
Circle, Eagle Saloon, B-2a. Nice with no problems. B-3a (B-2a)	350.00
Cordova, Horseshoe Liquor Co., 6 1/4 Cents, scratches in center. B-20a (B-18a)	100.00
Cordova, Southern Club, 6 1/4 Cents, nice. B-36a (B-32a)	65.00*
Dyea, W.A. & H., no denomination, corroded, dug. B-4a (B-3a)	250.00
Tanana, Timothy's Place, 25 Cents, holed. B-10a (B-6a)	175.00
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THE NORTHERN SEWARD, ALASKA



The Northern tokens of Seward, Alaska are among the the most attractive Alaskan tokens. Featuring a view of the docks and town of Seward (a pictorial), they have the added allure of being "native copper."

The postcard to the right shows Fourth Ave. in Seward. The postmark is 1911, so this card shows Seward in 1911 or earlier. The arrow show the location of The Northern, and also of The Commerce.

The second edition of "Alaska Tokens" by Ron Benice lists five native copper, pictorial tokens from The Northern. The first, scarcest, and most desirable of the five has the added appeal of being oval. The other four pieces are round, and are very similar, differing in small die varieties.

Long time subscriber David Bennison has provided newspaper documentation that pushes the origination date back a couple of years, and adds another two owners.

The Seward "Daily Gateway" of August 7, 1905 reports

The Commerce

The Northern



NORTHERN SALOON

E. L. WHITEMORE, PROPRIETOR

WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS

FOURTH AVE.
SEWARD, ALASKA

October 28, 1905

(continued on page 24)

EDITORIAL

The new computer arrived, and with it a new word processor - Word Perfect. Needless to say our utilization is less than perfect. Some of this issue was done on the old computer before the new one arrived. There was no way I was going to retype it! I'll fight with formatting the front page next month.

Our thanks to David Bennison for supplying the ads and articles from the Seward Daily Gateway. David spent a few hours looking through micro film and came up with some interesting material.

As always, we are in need of lead articles (you know, those things that we put on the front page). If something does not come in for the next issue, you may be subjected to "phonecards" again! I do have two articles waiting in the wings, but I need more information, and I don't know when it will be available.

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If you would like a copy of this neat booklet, request a copy from: Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation, State Historic Preservation Office, P.O. Box 107001, Anchorage, AK 99510-7001.

HIGH DIVE - FAIRBANKS



The writing on the back of this card says, "Emma Willis of Cleary Creek." The date on the front is Sept. 5, 1911. This is probably Edward Campbell Willis's wife! A sign behind the diving platform advertises the Arcade Cafe.

THE NORTHERN, cont.

under Local Happenings: "Jack Smith of the Northern Saloon has sold his half interest to his partner, E.L. Whittemore."

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An ad for The Commerce can be found in the November 4, 1905 issue.

On October 28, 1908, The Seward Daily Gateway reports that the bowling alleys at The Northern were being repaired, and gives a good indication of how popular this form of recreation was in a small Alaskan town.

NORTHERN REPAIRS ALLEYS

Steel Shavings Used for Cleaning and Polishing the Floor

The Northern is busily engaged in putting the bowling alleys in good shape for the winter's games. After long use the alleys become dirty and gummed. In order to remove this steel shavings are used which the workmen place beneath their feet, and then by foot and leg power the alleys are cleaned and at the same time polished, after which a coating of shellac varnish is applied.

The bowling alleys of the Northern were in constant use during the winter and summer. At the present time there is a lull between the two seasons, advantage of which is being taken in order to put the alleys in shape for the better times which will be ushered in with the announcement of the presidential election returns next Tuesday evening.

It would be interesting to see their editorial content to see if they were routing for William H. Taft or William Jennings Bryan (or Eugene Debs???)!

The following day, October 29, 1908, there was an article urging "miners, hunters and prospectors" to register at The Northern so their friends could find them. This was a common practice in the north. The fact that The Northern is advertising may indicate that they were not the current "meeting place" in Seward!

REGISTER AT THE NORTHERN

Record Book to Be Kept at Popular Resort for Names of Arrivals

Hereafter a register will be kept at the Northern, and the names of all arrivals by boat will be obtained from the purser, and also whatever information that is desired to be made public will be kept in the register. It is requested that all the miners, hunters and prospectors coming into the town will leave their names at the Northern together with any items of interest concerning themselves which they wish to furnish. Many prospectors coming into town may desire information in regard to the trail leading to the interior, or may wish to be informed about other matters. Such information will be freely and courteously given. Men coming to Seward may have their mail directed in care of the Northern where they can be sure of their receiving it upon their arrival. It will be a general information bureau where men may impart what they wish known of their plans, and at the same time may glean knowledge of their friends and acquaintances. A book for the purpose of registering the names has been placed at the Northern, and also a bulletin

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THE NORTHERN, cont.

board upon which items of interest will from time to time be noted.

The last item is an ad from the December 8, 1911 issue showing a different proprietor, Leo Margules.

**THE
NORTHERN**

LEO MARGULES, PROPR.

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**WINE S  
LIQUORS  
CIGARS**

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**BOWLING ALLEY
BILLIARD AND POOL
TABLES**

December 8, 1911

Our thanks to David Bennison for helping to fill up these pages. Thanks also to Candy Waugaman for providing the Seward postcard.

ALASKA WOMEN IN MINING



At the recent Alaska Women in Mining Monte Carlo Night, special chips were used at the tables. Above are three, but it is reported that there were many more. We will look into this and hopefully report on these next month.

DAYS OF '98

SKAGWAY INVITES YOU

TO THE

DAYS OF '98

and

CELEBRATION

JULY 3rd

JULY 4TH

Days of '98 Dance — 8:00 P. M. to Midnight

PRIZES FOR—Beard Growing Contest
Person Winning Most Money at Midnight
Best '98 Costume for Men and Women

JULY 4th

PRIZES FOR—Floats . . . Horse-shoe Contest . . . Children's Sports . . .
Women's Events . . . Men's Events

FIREWORKS!!!

Days of '98 Dance

The ad above is from The Daily Alaska Empire of Juneau, June 23, 1947. They were still using some sort of scrip even at this time. A prize was to be awarded to the person "Winning the most money at midnight."

This type of event is still popular in Alaska. The chips at the bottom left used by Alaska Women in Mining were used to "purchase" prizes at the end of the evening.

1995 IDITAROD MEDALS



We just received our shipment of 1995 Iditarod medals. These are available for \$30 plus \$2.50 shipping. There is no order blank in this issue, so you won't have to cut it up!

An interesting comment was received from Ron Benice concerning my review of the second edition of his book "Alaska Tokens." Ron wrote to say "My only problem with your review is that it was briefer than your coverage of Falkland Island phone cards." Well, Ron, one must have their priorities!

FOR THE RECORD



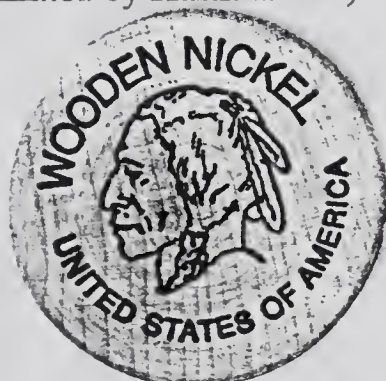
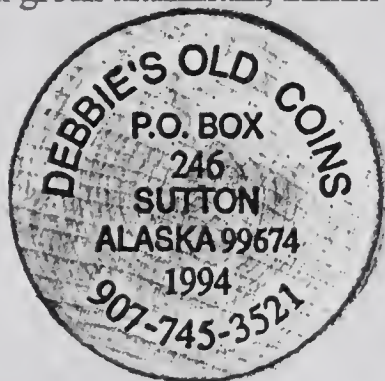
ANCHORAGE: 1 Daisie Dollar, Good for Gifts, Cash Value One Cent. White on green plastic, scalloped 30mm. There is also a "5 Daisie Dollar," white on red, good for 5 Cents (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



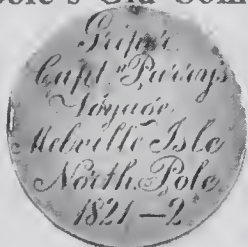
ANCHORAGE: Ivan Felton, Pioneer Dealer Sunset Motors, Anchorage, Alaska. 100 Grains Sterling Silver, 1971, by Franklin Mint. Similar to the "personal treasury" medals (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



KING SALMON: NCO Open Mess, 5¢ in merchandise. Dark green aluminum, 22mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



SUTTON, AK: Debbie's Old Coins, 1994. Black on wood.



MELVILLE ISLE: "Griper Captain Parry's Voyage Melville Isle North Pole, 1821-2." Engraved on a coin, probably a British Shilling. From the auction catalogue: "Sir William Edward Parry (1790-1855), arctic explorer, born at Bath, the son of an eminent physician, Caleb Hillier Parry. He entered the navy as a midshipman and served against the Danes in 1808. He took part in several expeditions to the Arctic regions between 1819 and 1827. This engraved memento refers to his first expedition, an attempt to find the Northwest Passage which began in 1819 and the small land expedition to explore Melville Island in 1820 (submitted by Alan Weinberg).

PRICES REALIZED

Below are the prices realized from our auction of March 18. Refer to last month's issue for lot descriptions.

Lot 230	14	Lot 245	34
Lot 231	30	Lot 246	50
Lot 232	12	Lot 247	20
Lot 233	20	Lot 248	18
Lot 234	46	Lot 249	175
Lot 235	22	Lot 250	30
Lot 236	18	Lot 251	20
Lot 237	15	Lot 252	100
Lot 238	31	Lot 253	30
Lot 239	31	Lot 254	62
Lot 240	160	Lot 255	25
Lot 241	95	Lot 256	22
Lot 242	24	Lot 257	10
Lot 243	7	Lot 258	17
Lot 244	16		

The Alaskan tokens received more attention than in recent auctions. Prices realized actually exceeded the estimate in some cases. With the release of the second edition of Alaska Tokens by Ron Benice, interest is sure to pick up again.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

I am writing a book detailing worldwide Official and unofficial medals for Polar Exploration. It will mainly include awards given to actual participants of exploring journeys, but will also include awards for research and scientific discovery which formed polar work in part (IE: the Challenger Medal, given for the 1872-76 worldwide oceanographic voyage, when that ship ventured into Antarctic waters). The designs, sizes, metals, suspensions, ribbons, naming and hopefully numbers awarded, and summaries of the expeditions/services will be included for each award. Additionally, "illustrative awards" (mini-biographies) will be a feature of the work. Any information on polar-related awards, particularly those other than U.S. and British awards, is sought and will be kept in strict confidence. All correspondence will be acknowledged. Additional requests for specific information may follow from time to time, as the project matures. Please contact: Glenn M. Stein, 1268 Foxforrest Circle, Apopka, Florida 32712-2335. Phone (407) 884-4148 (anytime/answering machine).

This new program makes it easy to make columns. But if I add to the left, it pushes the right further down the page. Yes, just filling the page to get the feel of it!

APRIL OFFERINGS

This month, we have a small assortment of Alaska one ounce silver rounds and bars. Quantities available are in ().



We have offered the Alascom Aurora I before. This lot is in various states of preservation: (1) virtually as issued \$18; (1) light scuffing, not bad \$15; (5) heavier scuffing \$10.



Alaska Wildlife, 1989, edge marked Michael's Jewelers, now Alaska Mint. Light scuffing, (1) \$15.00.



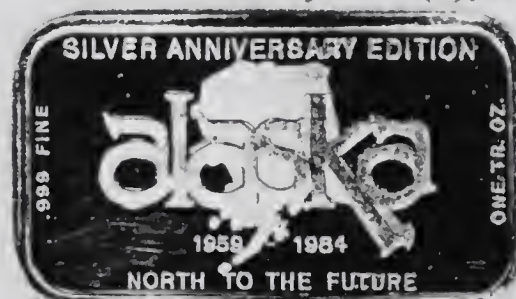
Alaska Map and Flags by Silvertown. Still sealed in original plastic. (1) \$12.00.



Northwest Territorial Mint. We have not seen this in silver before. NTM struck 1 oz. gold medals for Alaskan miners in this design. Locally, these were known as the Carl Parker medal, because Parker was one of the miners that had them struck. (1) \$12.00.



Above is the first of many "25th Anniversary of AK Statehood medals. All very nice (5), \$15.00.



This bar has similar lettering to the above medal, but we do not know if they are related. This appears to be fairly scarce. One only, cleaned, \$15.00.



Another fairly scarce piece. If memory serves me, this was sold in sets of two identical pieces for \$100! One piece only, in original capsule, \$30.00.



An odd set of three 1/4 ounce silver bars issued by Kentucky Fried Chicken! All in original holders. (5), \$24.00.

Please remember to include \$2.50 per order for postage and handling. Order early to avoid disappointment.

Alaska Tokens



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WILLIS & WELCH SOME ADDITIONAL TRIVIA



When it rains, it pours! Information on Willis & Welch has been received since last month that we think you will find interesting. A rare token has also become available.

The second known specimen of the Willis & Welch "Peanut Dept." token (illustrated above) has been consigned to us. It is not as bad as it looks. The front is entirely legible, but much is covered by brown discoloration. It did not photocopy well. The back is much better, with only two small spots. If you are interested in this rare piece, please contact us. Serious inquiries only, please.

The ad to the left is from the September 27, 1906 issue of the Fairbanks Evening News. Not the best of copies, but it advertises Willis & Welch as "Cleary's Big Store... The Largest Department Store in Alaska."

WILLIS & WELCH

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We wish to call particular attention to our complete lines in woolen underwear, Sox, mitts, and felt goods; having just received large consignments from the outside.

Our library consists of fifteen hundred volumes of standard and up-to-date works, and will be constantly strengthened throughout the winter months with the latest books as they are published.

We are winning new friends every day and feel sure that if you are not one of our customers now a trial will convince you that you can get more good goods for less good money here than elsewhere, and that you will become one of our regular patrons.

WILLIS & WELCH

PHONE 15

After we ran the photo of Emma Willis, we received a newspaper account from the August 24, 1911:

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EDITORIAL

Hey, this word processor isn't that bad! Well, at least I am working the bugs out.

Our thanks to Bruce Haldeman and Lee Poleske for lightening the load this month. Bruce is always generous with his information. Lee was inspired by last month's article on The Northern, and he dug up some more interesting information.

If you are a member of the American Numismatic Association, we hope that you enjoyed your editor's article on Willis & Welch in the April issue of "The Numismatist." For long time subscribers, there was nothing new, as it was a compilation of all the information that we have presented in these pages over the past 17 years. If you are not a member of the A.N.A., The Numismatist carries a cover price of \$5. If you would like a copy, I am sure a \$5 check to the ANA, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279 will get you a copy.

Articles and information are always needed. Please consider being a contributor.

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ALYESKA PIPELINE CLUB



This past winter the Alyeska Pipeline Club came to us and inquired about having a medal struck. Above is the final result.

These medals will be sold at Alyeska's various gift shops at Pipeline viewing points. There is one just north of Fairbanks, and I am sure they will have outlets at Prudhoe, Delta and Valdez.

The medal shows the Pipeline, with forested hills in the background. Our standard "Denali" reverse die is used. All are struck in .999 pure silver. Original mintage is 1,000. More will probably be struck.

The blank plaque below the pipeline was originally to be used to engrave a date, and then they could use the same die each year. Later, they thought they would engrave this spot with "miles" of the pipeline (about 800 or so). We do not know what their current plans are!

We have a limited number available. Please see the last page for ordering details.

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WILLIS & WELCH, cont.

MRS. WILLIS TO GIVE DIVING EXHIBITIONS

Fair Committee arranges for Unusual Performance in Connection with the Festivities of September 4th and 5th.

Arrangements were made yesterday by the Tanana Valley fair committee with Mrs. Ed. Willis of Chatanika for exhibitions of high and fancy diving on the two days of the fair, and the greatest interest is being taken in the coming event for Fairbanksans have never had the opportunity of witnessing this local expert.

Mrs. Willis is a swimmer and diver of national reputation, being the holder of many medals gained by skillful and daring work. Before her return to camp this spring, she was engaged as swimming instructor at one of the natatoriums in Southern California and was giving daily exhibitions of high diving.

For the plunges that Mrs. Willis will make here on September 4th and 5th the pile driver will be moved around facing the river bank so that as the diver shoots downward from the top of the structure she will be visible to the crowd on the bridge and on the shore.

Our thanks to Bruce Haldeman for bringing in the ad and the article.

ALASKA RAILROAD-ARTIST SERIES



The medal above is part of an "artist" series of medals, quite separate from the Alaska Mint series. This piece appears to utilize the State Seal die used by Alaska Precious Metals in 1991 before they went bankrupt. We have two available. See the last page for ordering details.

GANDER TRADE DOLLAR



A Boeing 737 jetliner is depicted on Gander's 1995 "Aviation Dollar," issued by the Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce, Gander, Newfoundland. This is Gander's 14th annual issue. Previous issued featured aircraft of World War II.

Eastern Provincial Airways is commemorated on this issue. 1995 marks the tenth anniversary of E.P.A. being sold to Canadian Pacific Airlines. Eastern Provincial Airways began in 1949 as a local "bush airline."

In 1969, Eastern Provincial Airways purchased its first 737 and over the years, built its fleet to seven that were to become the pride of the E.P.A. fleet.

The Boeing 737 jetliner was announced by Boeing Aircraft Company in Seattle, Washington in 1965 as a short range transport. It incorporated a wing similar to the Model 727, a fuselage basically that of the 727 but sized for a maximum of 115 passengers, and a tail similar to a 707. The first 737-100 flew on April 9, 1967, and went into commercial operation on February 10, 1968. It was followed by the 737-200, 300, 400 and 500. It is billed as the world's most successful airliner with over 3,000 737s ordered by 250 customers in 96 countries.

Specimens of the 1995 trade dollars are available postpaid as follows: nickel bonded steel, \$1.60; gold plated nickel bonded steel, \$6.10. Orders should be sent to Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce, 109 Trans Canada Highway, Gander, Newfoundland, Canada A1V 1P6. Some previous issues are still available. A one page brochure containing descriptive data on the aircraft on each of Gander's 14 trade dollars is available free of charge.

-Jerry Remick

THE NORTHERN

The article about The Northern in the April issue stimulated me to do some research and here are the results.

In the August 19, 1904 issue of the *Seward Gateway*, there is an advertisement, showing G.H. Woods as the owner. It is believed that Mr. Woods was one of the original founders of Seward in 1903, but nothing else is known about him. He sold The Northern to a Jack Smith who in turn sold it to Edward L. Whittemore in August of 1905.

Sometime around 1913, Whittemore went into partnership with Leo Margules. The two became major land owners in Seward. In addition to The Northern, they owned the Broadway Cafe, the Overland Hotel, the Seward Grill and waterfront property with a wharf. Whittemore also invested in a copper mine at Day Harbor near Seward. This mine may have been the source of the "native copper" used to make The Northern tokens.

When prohibition started in 1918, The Northern was completely renovated. The main floor had a pool and billiard room, a cigar stand, a soft drink bar and a card playing area. The bowling alley was moved to the basement.

In 1920 Margules moved to California and leased his share in the property to Whittemore.

Leo Margules became sole owner of all the property holdings of the partnership in 1923. This was the largest transfer of real estate in Seward to that date. Whittemore leased The Northern from Margules until 1924.

In the 1925 prosperity edition of the *Seward Daily Gateway*, there is an advertisement for The Northern and the operators are listed as John White and Andy Beck.

Sources of information about early Seward that I have found useful are:


Berry, Mary J., *Seward Alaska, A History of the Gateway City, Vol. I: Prehistory to 1914.* Anchorage, AK, 1986.

Berry, Mary J., *Seward Alaska, A History of the*

Gateway City, Vol. II: 1914-1923, The Railroad Construction Years. Anchorage, 1993.

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THE NORTHERN

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G. H. WOODS

Seward Gateway, August 19, 1904.

-Lee Poleske

AMERICAN LEGION POST 11



American Legion Post 11 is in Fairbanks. This \$1.00 in trade token is considered to be post-Statehood. It probably is, but is of a similar style to some pre-Statehood tokens.

We have acquired only three of these. If you wish to order, please see the last page for ordering details.

MAY OFFERINGS

When I came to Fairbanks over 20 years ago, these labels were selling for \$75. Since that time, small quantities have become available, dropping the price considerably.

We last offered these in the newsletter in 1986 at \$20. We have had them in the store since then at the same price, but have been sold out for a year or so.

Recently, we purchase a small lot of less than 20 pieces at a very good price. We can now offer these for \$12, with the Pale Beer neck label. The label is multicolored and very attractive.



Pioneer Brewing Co., Midnight Sun Beer first opened in 1936, and closed some time during World War II. A bottle with a label intact is a real find.



At the left is the Fairbanks North Star Borough's American Revolution Bicentennial medal. We haven't seen a set of these in some time. Struck in silver and brass, they feature a portrait of Felix Pedro (discoverer of gold in the Fairbanks district) and a very nice gold dredging scene. The heart outline around the dredge indicates that Fairbanks is the Golden Heart of Alaska. The only defect we notice is a darker streak on Pedro's face on the brass piece. Only one set is available at \$30.

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_____	ALASKA RAILROAD-ARTIST SERIES MEDAL @ \$90.00 (elsewhere at \$150)	_____
_____	AMERICAN LEGION POST 11 \$1 TRADE TOKEN @ \$25.00	_____
_____	PIONEER BREWING LABEL & NECK LABEL @ \$12.00	_____
_____	PIONEER BREWING PALE BEER NECK LABEL ONLY @ \$1.00	_____
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A MEDAL OF EXPLORATION



Between the years 1826 and 1829, and 1831 and 1836, the vessels Adventure and Beagle conducted surveying voyages in South America. The most famous of these voyages was the latter, with Charles Darwin aboard as naturalist. His observations on this voyage helped to formulate his theory of evolution, and the publication of "Origin of Species." Of primary concern for this article are the explorations carried out on the voyage that lasted from 1826 to 1830. This expedition spent most of its time in the area of Tierra del Fuego.

In May 1829, Lt. Skyring and Mr. Kirke ascended Mt. Skyring. We find the following in "Narrative of the Surveying Voyages of His Majesty's ships Adventure and Beagle," by Robert Fitz-Roy:

"We gained the summit after three hour's hard traveling. During the last five hundred feet of ascent, the mountain was almost precipitous, and we had the utmost difficulty in passing instruments from hand to hand. Its formation is remarkable, although, I believe, the same structure exists throughout the hills around. The base is coarse granite, but this solid formation cannot be traced half the height; above is an immense heap of masses of rock, irregularly and wonderfully thrown together, many huge fragments overhanging, with apparently little hold. This station was the most commanding we had chosen during the survey, and answered well for the object we desired; which being attained, we returned on board, and I rejoiced when all were safe, for it was neither an easy, nor pleasant enterprise.

"A document, of which the following is a copy, was enclosed in a bottle and a strong outer case, and left at the summit of the mountain.

"This memorial was left by the officers of H.M. Schooner Adelaide, while employed on the survey of the Magdalen, Cockburn, and Barbara Channels; and any person finding it is requested to leave the original document, and build the pile, under which it is placed, at least six feet higher.

"Signed this 16th day of May 1829, by
 W.G. Skyring, Lieut. assist. surveyor of H.M.S. Beagle.
 Thomas Graves, Lieut. of H.M. Schooner Adelaide.
 James Kirke, Midshipman H.M.S. Beagle
 Alex. Millar, Master assist. H.M.S. Adelaide
 Ben. Bynoe, Assist. surgeon H.M.S. Beagle
 Jno. Park, Assist. surgeon H.M.S. Adventure
 God Save the King"

Upon reading this passage, a Chilean Navy Captain wondered if this bottle in a strong outer case could be found. Eduardo Barison, captain of the *Piloto Pardo* knew he would be passing Skyring Island in the

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EDITORIAL

A couple of months ago, we received a letter from a collector wanting to purchase an A.R.R.C. \$10 token, slabbed, MS-65. We thought, "Yeah, right." Well, in yesterday's mail, we received a letter from First Token Grading Service. Did this collector know something we didn't?

A grading service for tokens; is this what we are coming to? Will investors now invade the token field? Will super salesmen be hyping tokens from boiler rooms? First Token Grading Service will be slabbing United States tokens "from the 1700s through the Civil War era." At least more modern merchant tokens have a temporary reprieve.

When you look at these early tokens, they are more coin-like than most Alaskan tokens. Would you want an A.R.R.C. token slabbed? However, if you look at the Seward and Valdez native copper pictorial tokens, an argument can be made to slab these. These tokens have sufficient detail, and all the beauty of copper large cents in high grade. Grading a token

of this engraving quality is reasonable.

We have seen token collectors become more condition conscious over the years. If you are collecting Alaskan tokens, and only want uncirculated specimens, your collection is going to be quite small, and, for the most part, made up of common tokens.

We are not proponents of slabbing. We use them for what they are - a non-biased, third party opinion. If you are an investor expecting to make big bucks in slabbed tokens, get in early and out early, or you will suffer the same losses that non-knowledgeable speculators suffered in the coin market.

First Token Grading Services want dealers to get in on the "ground floor." This approach has all the markings of a market plan based on hype, not actual collector demand.

Long time subscribers are aware that I am not a fan of ATCO's editor. In the last issue, there were several pleas for the "membership" to purchase the "membership" list. You may substitute subscribers and address respectively for the word membership. It seems Bill Clapper is sitting on a bunch of unsold lists. If ATCO were in fact a club, that would be a shame. But Bill Clapper owns ATCO. It is not a club. If you are a "member", you might consider dropping Bill a note, expressing your sympathy for his having made a bad business decision.

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EXPLORATION, cont.

daylight on this trip. He decided to send a helicopter to search for the document. A helicopter was dispatched, Lt. Eugenio Arellano piloting the craft. From the air, he saw something irregular in the rock piles. This was recovered, and returned to the *Piloto Pardo*.

A parchment, aged beyond recognition, was recovered. Unreadable, one cannot be positive that it was the one left by Lt. Skying. Also recovered with the parchment was a buckle with a crown and anchor and the words "Royal Marines," coins from England, Brazil, Argentina, Italy and others corroded beyond recognition, and four medals marked "H.B.M.S. Adventure and Beagle 1828."

In the "Narrative," it is noted that "Previous to the expedition quitting England, I had provided myself with medals, to give away to the Indians with whom we might communicate, bearing on one side the figure of Britannia, and on the reverse "George IV," and "Adventure and Beagle," and "1826." "

There is an obvious discrepancy between the date reported in the "Narrative," and on those recovered by the Chilean navy. There is no mistaking the actual date on the medals recovered. Were they struck with different dates for presentation during different the years the expedition was to be gone? It is also unfortunate that the illustrations that we have show only one side, and do not show the side of the medal with "Britannia." Further, no reference is made to size or metal content.

In several places in the "Narrative," these medals are presented to the Indians. In the first instance, the medals are presented to the "oldest man and the woman; and suspended them around their necks." In this way, the first of the medals are given away. The next presentation is "to each of the party," described as a "larger number of Indians." No numbers are given. Both presentations took place in January of 1827. No mention is made of trade or barter.

The first mention of trade involving the medals is in February 1827: "The trade was opened by one of the women making a peace-offering of a shell necklace, in return for which, red caps and medals were given to each of the women and children." From this passage, it is evident that this was more ceremonial than actual barter for goods. The previous day, one of the natives

had stolen a tin pot, and offering of a shell necklace was the Indians way of atoning for this transgression.

The medals were highly prized by the Fuegian natives. The next reference to the medals is again in February 1827: "After we had obtained, by barter, all the articles they had to dispose of, I presented them with red caps and medals, of which they were very proud: later they requested might have a hole drilled through them, that they might be suspended by a string around their necks."

The final reference that I could find was again in February 1827. In previous exchanges, the medal was given more as a token of friendship than of trade. This passage is the only one that gives the impression that the medals were themselves used as an item of barter: "an active trade began; in which several otter skins, shell necklaces, spears, and other trifles, were obtained from them in exchange for beads, buttons, medals, &c."

There are many more references to trading and bartering with the natives, however no further mention of medals is noted.

A search of numismatic auction catalogues, particularly in Great Britain is in order to discover more information about these medals. Letters of inquiry to the Royal Mint and older private mints in the U.K. might also reveal important data. This might be something that someone closer to the source of information might like to undertake.

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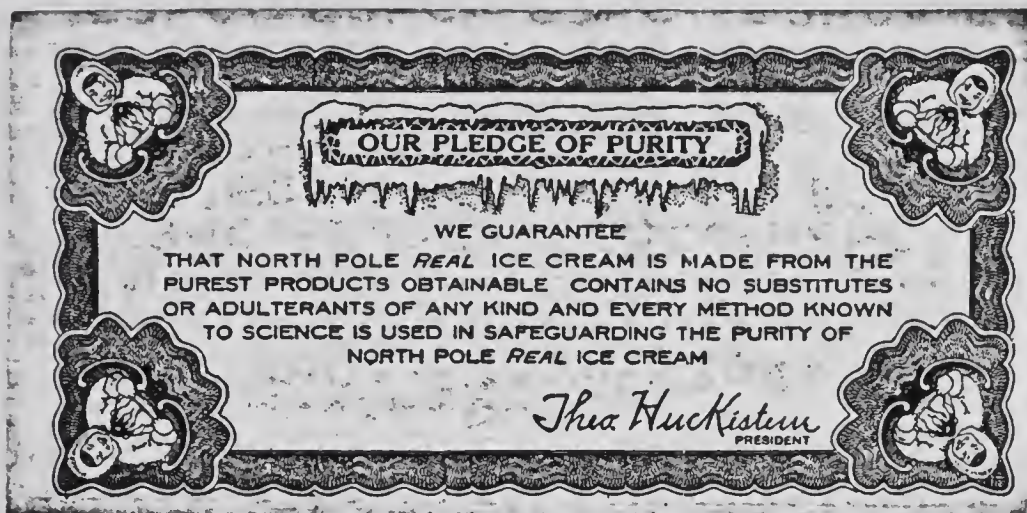
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With summer here, baseball is in full swing again. July will probably be one of my months off for the year, so don't be surprised if you do not receive a newsletter next month!

NORTH POLE ICE CREAM



North Pole Real Ice Cream, one coupon issued by the North Pole Cold Storage and Ice Company of. An interesting piece with no real value specified: "This coupon together with similar coupons of various denominations may be redeemed in valuable merchandise at our store located at 612 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, PA. The address line does not quite line up with the rest of the text, so it is possible that this was a chain with more than one location.

The paper is yellowed almost like kraft paper with black printing. It is 101mm by 50mm. Submitted by Tom Wall.

SOURDOUGH LIL'S



Local Fairbanksan Jim Moody brought this token in to us just before we finished up this issue. It is completely different from the one in "Alaska Tokens." The lettering on the obverse is much smaller, and the reverse die matches Fairbanks B-53b, "Smoke House" and others. Any feedback would be appreciated.

PRICES REALIZED

From the John Cheramy March 1995 Mail Bid Sale:

Dawson, Brier's Cigar Store	\$525.00
Dawson, Hutton & Pierce	90.50
Dawson, Del Monte	300.00
Grand Forks, YT Brown's Cigar	545.00

Some very impressive prices. Looks like the token market might be heating up again!

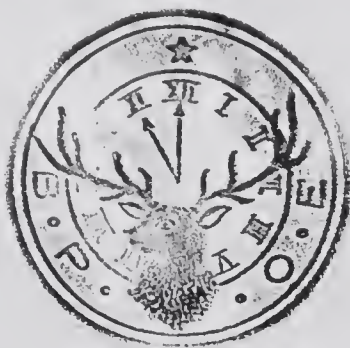
GCI PHONECARDS



GCI, a long distance phone carrier in Alaska has issued phonecards in connection with the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. For the second year, GCI has been the official Communications sponsor of the race, after Alascom dropped its long-time sponsorship.

The phonecards feature "Boot'n Up" by Alaskan artist Jon Van Zyle. They are issued in two denominations: 30 Units (\$15) and 60 Units (\$27). Both cards are identical except for the value, and the colored stripe that the value is printed on (60/blue, 30/red). Quantities issued are 2,500 and 7,500 respectively. It was projected that the Iditarod Trail Committee could generate up to \$30,000 through the use of these cards.

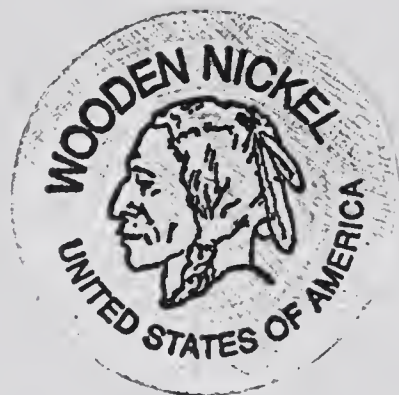
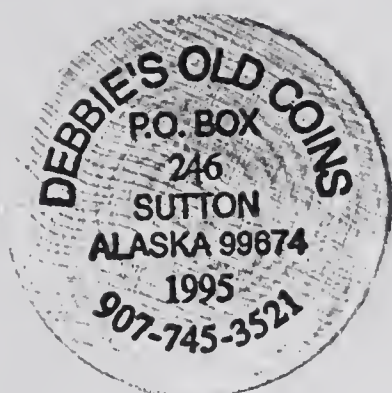
FOR THE RECORD



EAGLE RIVER: Elks Lodge 2682, good for one drink. Brass, 34mm.



FAIRBANKS: MACS, Fairbanks North Star Borough transit system, good for one fare, brass, 28.5mm. This token is larger than the usual MACS tokens (23mm). These are purchased by the University of Alaska and given to student who must come to the Downtown Center for classes. They are good only on the "Red" line from the U of A campus to the Downtown Center. Mintage on this token was 5,000.



SUTTON: Debbie's Old Coins, 1995 wooden nickel. Black on wood.



ALASKA PIPELINE: Price/Ahtna Alyeska APJCC, Taps Alliance, Safety Award. Appears to be 1 oz. pure silver (unmarked), 39mm.

VITUS BERING MEDAL



Celebrating the 250th anniversary of Bering's discovery of Alaska, this proof quality medallion was designed by Alexander Sagan and Jim Tilly. The obverse bears a portrait of Bering with legend in Russian. We can only assume that it notes the 250th anniversary! The reverse carries "250" over stylized mountains.

What is interesting about this piece, presumably first struck in 1991 is that the brochure refers to the mint as the Anchorage Mint, its original name. However, the edge hallmark is "Alaska Mint."

This attractive medal is an open issue (still being struck and sold). Alaska Mint's retail price is \$35. Through a fortunate purchase on the secondary market, we can offer these for less. If you would like to order this medal, please remit \$17 per medal, and \$2.50 per order for postage and handling to A.R.C.I., P.O. Box 72832, Fairbanks, AK 99707.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Two well known token collectors have made news recently.

In the Westchester Weekly section of the New York Times, Sunday May 14, 1995, Ron Benice, author of "Alaska Tokens" received a very nice write-up about another of his collecting passions of his - currency of Westchester County, N.Y. Congratulations, Ron. And the photo wasn't half bad!

The Lewis Egnew collection of ancient Greek coinage, comprised of 847 lots is being sold at auction May 30 by Superior. This collection is impressive. Lew is well know to token collectors. Many think of Lew as just a token collector, but his other interests include odd and curious money, and stone artifacts - PreColumbian, Northwest, etc.

THE ELMENDORF NINE

by

BRYAN E. CLEARY

In an attempt to help set the record straight, I felt a duty to research and provide descriptive information concerning the nine Elmendorf NCO Open Mess tokens. As a fellow collector I understand the frustration of the search and the thrill of the find. I hope that this information will make your find that much sweeter.

The token style description used is standard. However, I've included notes with information and in some cases used personal knowledge of the dates and amounts, etc. This knowledge was gained from twenty years of service in the United States Air Force with eight years assigned to Elmendorf A.F.B.

I've listed the nine in an issue order that I feel is most true and correct. Having studied many references, I greatly acknowledge the works of J. Curto, P. Cunningham, R. Benice and J. Kallman, whose numbering systems I've provided a quick reference guide for making comparisons for your review. The list order under each author's name has been rearranged to match from left to right and doesn't reflect how the information was originally published.



- 1) o. REDEEMABLE AT / NCO OPEN MESS / \$1.00 IN TRADE / ELMENDORF / A.F.B. / ALASKA
r. Same

Aluminum, 37mm

Note: "F" in Elmendorf is to the right of "E" in trade on both sides.



- 2) o. REDEEMABLE AT / NCO OPEN MESS / \$1.00 IN TRADE / ELMENDORF / A.F.B. / ALASKA
r. Same

Brass, 37mm

Note: "F" in Elmendorf is to the right of "E" in trade on both sides. Dies used identical to #1.

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EDITORIAL

For the first time, we will have to increase our Canadian and foreign subscription rates while maintaining the same rates for the U.S. The new increases in postage to Canada and elsewhere makes it necessary to raise these subscription rates a modest amount. The new rates can be seen below. I am afraid that on the next domestic rate increase, we will have to raise U.S. rates also. Hopefully, that is a year or two away.

Our thanks to Bryan Cleary of Anchorage for his article on the Elmendorf NCO Open Mess tokens. The title really had me excited. I thought he had sent in a baseball story until I started reading it. Military tokens are among the last, true tokens still in use. It is unfortunate that this series has come to an end.

Our thanks also go to Jim Robb for sending in an unusual assortment of modern Yukon paper collectibles. These will appear in this issue and future issues.

Speaking of baseball, most are aware that a friend and I went to Phoenix in November for a baseball tournament. Well, this year, we will take a team down from Alaska, and we need a team name. I have suggested Fractured Oosiks, Arctic Oosiks, Ice Worms, and Road Snakes. No one likes my names, so your help is solicited. If we use a name you suggest, you will get a free year's subscription. I won't explain oosiks in the newsletter, but if you don't know what an oosik is, write and I will send a poem with the next newsletter. A Road Snake is a broken fan belt. These magically appear at 40 and 50 below!

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NORWEGIAN MEDAL



In 1994, Sandefjord celebrated its 150th anniversary. This event was noted by the Royal Norwegian Mint with a hanging medal featuring a whale's tail. Sandefjord was a whaling center in Norway. Because of this heritage, many of the workers for the whaling operations at South Georgia Island were recruited here.

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ELMENDORF A.F.B., cont.



3) o. REDEEMABLE AT / NCO OPEN MESS / \$1.00 IN TRADE / ELMENDORF / A.F.B. / ALASKA

Note: Fat/raised 1, "F" in Elmendorf to the left of "E" in trade.

Opinion: I believe this is a new die, made to replace a worn or broken die. Used only on this side of the token.

r. REDEEMABLE AT / NCO OPEN MESS / \$1.00 IN TRADE / ELMENDORF / A.F.B. / ALASKA

Note: Thin 1 with "F" to the right of the "E" in trade. Appears to be the same die used on #1 and #2.

Brass, 37mm, Weight 12.8 grams



4) o. Same as #3

r. Same as #3

Brass, 37mm, Weight 13.1 grams.

Note: The weight of this token is different from #3.

Opinion: I believe this is a second run of issue #3 with an alloy change.



5) o. REDEEMABLE AT / NCO OPEN MESS / \$1.00 IN TRADE / ELMENDORF / A.F.B. / ALASKA

r. Same

Brass, 37mm.

Note: This is a new die. The letters and numbers are thin and long.

ELMENDORF A.F.B., cont.



- 6) o. Same as #5
r. Same as #5
Aluminum, 37mm.

Opinion: I believe this is a second run of #5. I feel they went to aluminum because the cost of making brass tokens was more expensive. I have never seen this token listed or pictured anywhere. I have one specimen.



- 7) o. REDEEMABLE AT / NCO OPEN MESS / \$2.00 IN TRADE / VALID THRU MAY '88 /
ELMENDORF / A.F.B. / ALASKA

r. Same
Aluminum, 39.7mm

Note: Letters and numbers appear thick/fat and flat. New dies, 7,500 tokens made. Issued on June 1, 1987. Not redeemable after May 31, 1988.



- 8) o. REDEEMABLE AT / NCO OPEN MESS / \$2.00 IN TRADE / VALID THRU MAY '89 /
ELMENDORF / A.F.B. / ALASKA

r. Same
Gold colored Aluminum, 34mm

Note: New dies, issued in 1988.



ELMENDORF A.F.B., cont.

9) o. REDEEMABLE AT / NCO OPEN MESS / \$2.00 IN TRADE / ELMENDORF / A.F.B. / ALASKA
r. Same (illustrated on preceding page).

Blue colored Aluminum, 34mm.

Note: New dies, issued June 1989. The "Valid Thru" was omitted to save the cost of producing new tokens every year. Unfortunately the program was ended. Discontinued May 31, 1990.

CLEARY	CURTO	CUNNINGHAM	BENICE	KALLMAN	IN USE
1	A85	AK240a	2A	A85-100	*
2	A526	AK240c	2BI	A85-100b	*
3	Not listed	AK240b	2BII	A85-100a	*
4	Not listed	AK240d	Noted by wt.	A85-100c	*
5	Not listed	AK240e	2BIII	A85-100d	*
6	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	*
7	Not listed	AK240f	2C	A85-200	87-88
8	Not listed	AK240h	2E	A85-200a	88-89
9	Not listed	AK240g	2D	A85-200b	89-90

* Dates of manufacture and issue are unknown. Luckily I found and interviewed Mrs. Yvonne Kruzel who has worked at the club since 1970. Mrs. Kruzel remembers that existing aluminum and brass tokens were in use in the 70s and would be rotated every six months; brass, then aluminum, then brass again. Tokens were strictly accounted for and she recalls more brass tokens being made as replacements. She liked the brass because they had nice feel, were heavier, and easier to count.

381st INTEL SQDN CHALLENGE COMMEMORATIVE

The 381st Intelligence Squadron on Elmendorf A.F.B. has issued the first medal in it's history. Known in the military as a "Challenge Coin," this commemorates the Unit's 50th anniversary in Alaska. Tsgt. Scott Anderson was solely responsible for the design of the 41mm brass tokens. The mintage was 600.

The obverse is based on the Unit's current Air Force patch design simply adding the anniversary banners on the top and bottom.



The reverse lists the various Unit designators assigned over the years. A chess knight represents the parent command currently called the Air Intelligence Agency. Lightning bolts point to the FLR-9 "Elephant Cage" antenna, which has long been the primary mission here, as well as to the E-3 AWACS aircraft (Airborne Warning And Control Squadron), which represents the newer airborne mission. The two lightning bolts are made up of an inverted arrow pointing back to the knight, signifying that although the agency may levy tasking (bolts downward), information goes both ways. The headphones on the knight are for the COMSEC (Communications Security) mission, reminding us to be ever vigilant.

-Bryan E. Cleary

JIM ROBB'S YUKON PAPER POTPOURRI

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WHITEHORSE: High Country Inn, "second" drink coupon. Green on white, 89mm by 50mm.



(WHITEHORSE): Phone Vision Foto Source, Preferred Customer 1995 card. Front is black on gold, back is black on white, divided into 12 rectangles to be marked off for an unknown premium when all are marked.



1995 YUKON HOSPITALITY DISCOUNT HANDBOOK: Approximately 80 coupons for businesses in Whitehorse, Dawson, Minto, Carmacks, Burwash Landing, Haines Junction, Destruction Bay, Carcross, Teslin and Watson Lake, Yukon. Also a few for Atlin, BC and one for Fairbanks! Definitely not just for locals, a tourist passing through could make good use of the coupons in this book.

Some interesting "gambling" paper next month!

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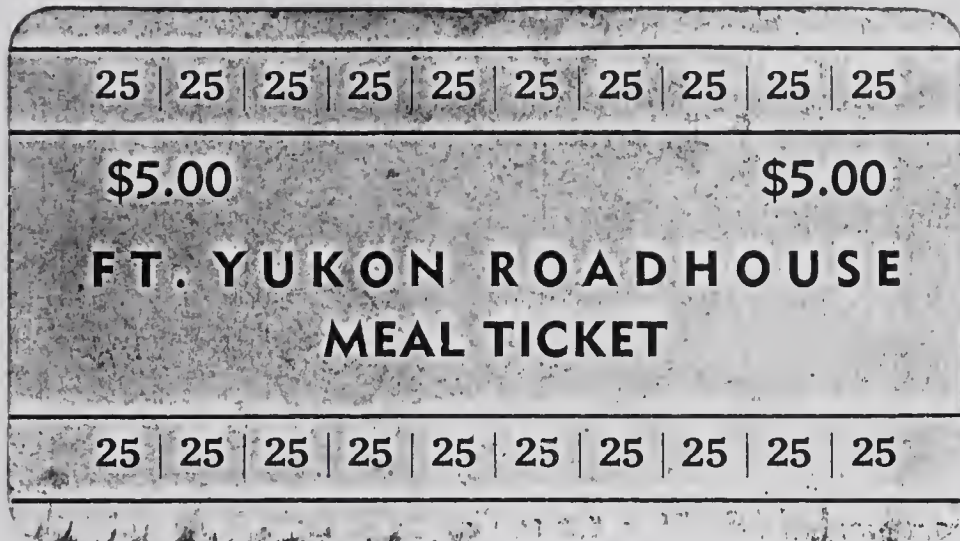
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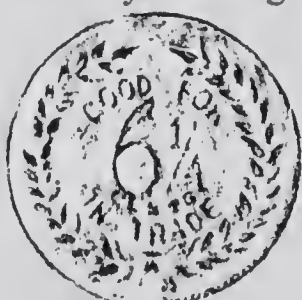
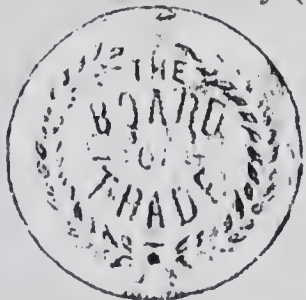
FAIRBANKS: World Famous Midnight Sun Baseball Game, June 21, 1995. Brass, 33mm. 2,500 minted and distributed at the game.



FORT YUKON: Ft. Yukon Roadhouse \$5 Meal Ticket. Circa late 1930s. Black on pink, 95mm by 54mm.

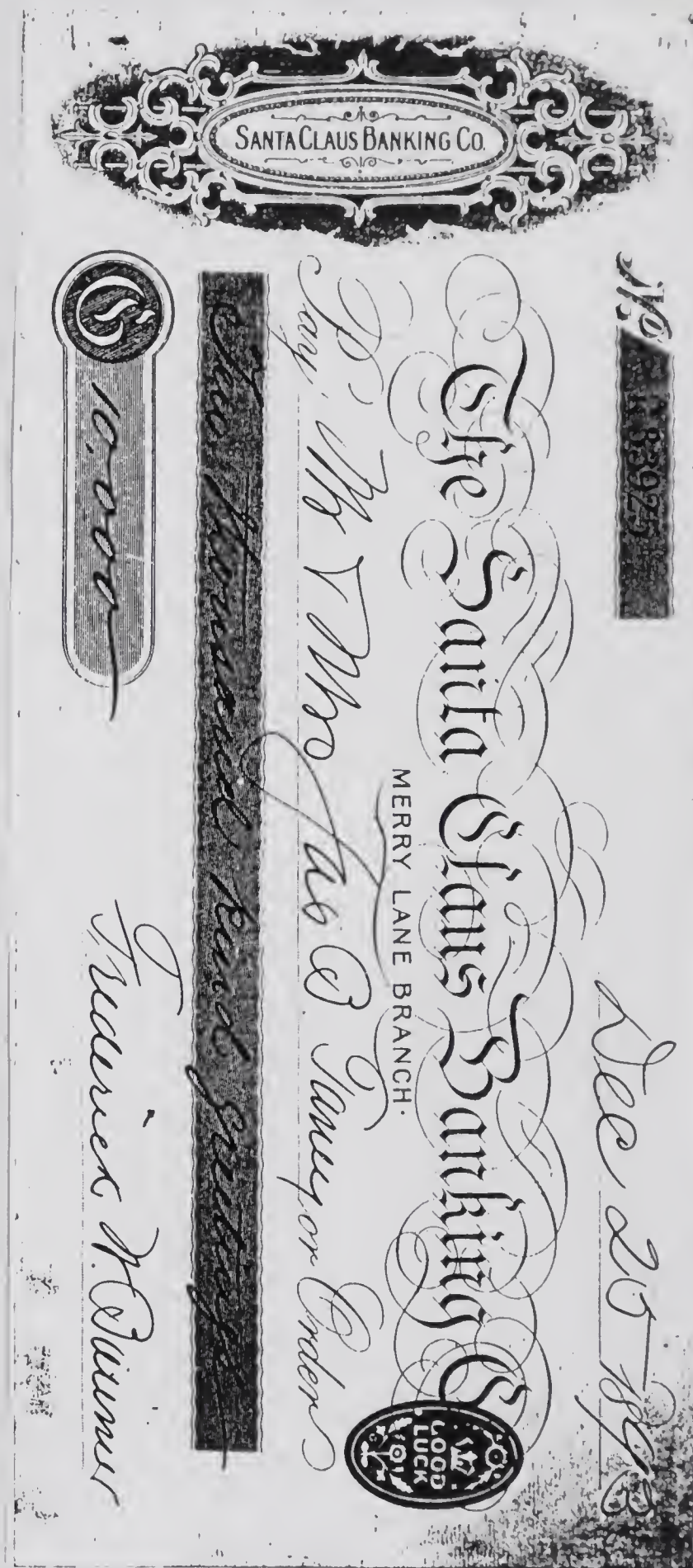


VALDEZ: New Variety - The Fairbanks, Geo. Krau, Good for 12½ Cents in trade. Benice listed variety is above left. New variety to the right has larger letters, no dot before Valdez or after Alaska. Also, the new variety has 20 stars as opposed to 18 on the listed variety (submitted by Lew Egnew).



(NOME): The Board of Trade, B-8c, illustrated. Is this really Alaskan? Alan Weinberg sent in the illustration. Your editor has had one of these for years, just as a curiosity because of the name. It is unlike any other Alaskan token we are familiar with.

PAPER POTPOURRI



An interesting item found in the back of an Alaskan photo album. Ten thousand kind greetings from the Santa Claus Banking Co. 243mm by 105mm, green on white, black writing, Good Luck in red (ill. reduced).

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STEP RIGHT UP...

Every once in a while, we hit upon a string of events that allows us to purchase quantities of items for resale through this newsletter. Well, this is one of those months! There is not much "news" in this newsletter. It has become a "salesletter" for this month! In the last two weeks, we have purchased in quantity several items that we think you will like. And if you are not real excited by the items themselves, you will like the prices.

From estate sales, sales to raise funds for retirement, and moving out of state sales, we have managed to acquire these items in sufficient quantities to offer these to the readers of ATC&PN. Most are new to our pages. Some we have offered before. We hope that there is something here for all.



The first items are tokens from the Dempsey Hotel from Chatanika. These 25 cents and \$1 tokens were found a number of years ago, and some were dispersed into the market. These are from the same source, and supposedly the last of them. These are "dug" tokens, but very acceptable. We are offering the set of 2 for \$55, or singles for \$30 and specimens of the 25 cents with a small hole for \$15.

The next item is an encased cent issued in 1973 for the grand opening of the Anchorage Metropolitan Branch of Alaska National Bank. ANB is one of the Alaskan banks that failed in the last banking crisis. These are nice, bright specimens, with 1972-D cents. These are \$3.50.



In 1984, approximately 12 medals were issued for the 25th anniversary of Alaskan statehood. The one to the left, marked "25 Years" was one of them. We had not seen the one dated 1985 until recently! Both bear the Johnson Matthey reverse. These are priced at \$10 each, or one of each for \$18.



The next piece will not photocopy. Firstly, it is printed gold on black. Secondly, this is in a plastic disk. The legend reads "Your Pinch of Gold Dust / Redeemable / for \$1.00 at / Palace Saloon / and Cafe / A67 Centennial Site Fairbanks, Alaska / During Centennial Celebration / May 27 to Sept. 30 / 1867 - 1967." Enclosed in the plastic disk, along with the paper with the above legend are 3 to 5 flakes of gold. We sell a similar amount of gold to tourists for \$4.95. Because of the scratching of the gold, and abrasion on the outside of the disk, these are not 100% legible. We have two that are very nice, but not perfect at \$20. Otherwise, the others are of lesser quality. We will select the best available for you at \$8.

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EDITORIAL

As I sit here, working on the newsletter, it is drizzling outside, typical August weather. If we could have good weather in Fairbanks in August, this would be nearly an ideal place to live. Even as it is, it is pretty nice. You just can't beat the summers, even if they are short. Sure the winters are cold, but that 24 hours of daylight in the summer makes up for it.

In the past, this newsletter has had a very high ratio of news to sales. This issue breaks with that pattern simply because we have purchased a lot of material in the past two weeks. It would be of obvious financial benefit to make it more into a "sales" letter than a "news" letter. While we have every intention of keeping this more informational than sales, we do hope that we can offer more tokens and medals than in the past. Let us know what you think. Would you like more items for sale in the newsletter?

Alaskana auction with next month's issue!

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TERRITORIAL GUARD



This is the first time that we have seen this medal. Can anyone shed any light on it? As it is "Territorial Guard", it should be at least 36 years old. It looks brand new, and we are wondering if it is a "fabrication". The medal itself is about 31mm and silver colored. We failed to make note of the color of the ribbon. It is housed in a snap-lock plastic box with white bottom and insert.

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STEP RIGHT UP...Cont.



Also from 1967 is the "A-67" medal, for the Pioneer Memorial Park, now Alaskaland. The sterling silver medal contains approximately .77 ounces of pure silver, or about \$4 worth of silver at \$5.25 per ounce. We have sold numerous sets at auction in recent years. Let's move these out at \$8 for the silver and bronze sets. Single bronze medals are \$1.50.

By far the scarcest of the many medals issued for the 25th anniversary of Alaskan Statehood is the cast sterling silver medal made by Pat Pearlman of Fairbanks. Less than 100 were cast. Attractive, with moose, salmon and dog team, this is much cruder than a struck medal. I believe this is the first time we have offered these - \$50.



Finally, an unissued stock from the Alaska Transportation, Trading, Mining & Manufacturing Company. Undated, because it is unissued. I do not believe that I have seen one that has been issued. 260mm by 206mm. An attractive security, and worthy of your collection at the unbelievable low price of only \$15.00 (sorry, I got carried away).

You may order any of these items by sending payment plus \$2.50 per order for postage to ARCI.

ALASKA-NEW YORK-FLORIDA CONNECTION



To draw attention to his recent move to Sarasota, Florida, Ron Benice sent a copy of this note that combines three collecting interests: Alaska, New York and Florida. The large print says Florida National Bank and the smaller print says it the town of Florida in New York state, but what does it have to do with Alaska? Answer: William Seward was born in Florida, New York!

Ron also had an interesting article in the August issue of TAMS concerning the Juneau Hotel, Cafe and Buffet tokens, variously attributed to Juneau, Alaska and Juneau and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Very interesting reading. Copies can be obtained from TAMS. Send inquiries to Paul Cunningham, Box One, Tecumseh, MI 49286.

TANANA ON AD CARD

A very interesting "ad" card for Hills Bros. Coffee featuring "The Northern" in Tanana, Alaska was brought into us by Candy Waugaman.

The back of the card says "Will call on you about... Representing Hills Bros. San Francisco, with space to write in a date.



Children at Play in Zero Weather,
Tanana, Alaska



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

The Alaska Goldpanners have provided quality baseball to Fairbanks for over 30 years. This year was no exception, with players from several outstanding baseball programs at various universities. Last month, we showed you the commemorative medal for the Midnight Sun game. This month, we would like to present a few paper items for this year's season.

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% Fans Get Acquainted Night + Midnight Sun Game
 # Alaska League Games ★ State Federation Games \$ Kids Night Celebration
 All Times Alaska Daylight Time (2) Denotes Doubleheader
FREE PARKING WITH THIS TICKET

Above is a season ticket, with the back showing the schedule. You will note that teams from the Republic of China and South Korea both visited Fairbanks this summer. You will note that Fairbanks AABL is on the schedule twice. That was the all star teams from the local adult league. The locals got their butts kicked both games! Your editor played in the second game (for the old guys over 30 and eligible to go to the Men's Senior Baseball League tournament in Phoenix in November) and was 1 for 4 with no strike outs!

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Growden Park - 7:30 p.m. • Wilbur St. at 2nd Ave.

Above left is the half price ticket available to season ticket holders so kids could get in for \$1. It is red on white. Above to the right is a ticket for Bank Night. This special admission was sponsored by the banks mentioned and admission was free with this ticket. It is black on tan.

Finally, the regular admission ticket, black on yellow. Also in black on red. If the game is rained out, the rain check could be used for admission to another game.

The Goldpanners provide inexpensive, family entertainment to Fairbanks. The grandstands are no longer full, as potential spectators are now participating in other available activities. A loyal nucleus still attend games, and kids chase down the foul balls (my neighbor's son gathered up over 40 this summer!).

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A few items from this year's Tanana Valley State Fair. Above is a \$20 "gift certificate" from Johnny's Express Fuel, on a purchase of 250 gallons. Not bad, an 8 cent per gallon discount! Black on cream, 107mm by 70mm.

\$50
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Not to be outdone, Interior Fuels had a \$50 coupon, or a punch card. The \$50 coupon is red and blue on white, 108mm by 70mm. The punch card is black on blue, 89mm by 50mm.

The Toy Quest of Fairbanks had a wooden nickel hunt in wood chips. The above wooden nickel, good for 25 cents was found. Some wooden nickels were painted and used for special prizes. Printing is black on wood.

There were two New York Life booths at the Fair, and one was giving out TUITs. This one is 41mm, and is printed white on blue.

All in all, the Fair was a good place to pick up collectibles this year.

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FOR THE RECORD



FAIRBANKS: Arctic Bowl, Good for one free game. Black on wood.



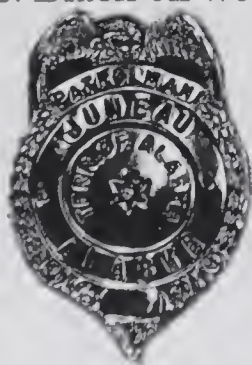
FAIRBANKS: Pioneers of Alaska, Good for a Nip, 1984 convention. Blue on wood.



FAIRBANKS: Pioneers of Alaska, Good for one Drink, 1991 convention. Black on wood.



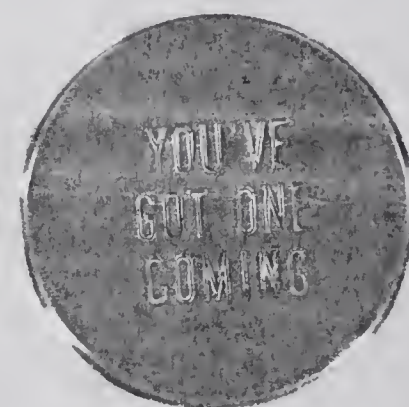
FAIRBANKS: Pipe 'n Pouch Tobacco Shop, 10% off any purchase. Black on wood.



JUNEAU: Souvenir patrolman badge, "Juneau, Territory of Alaska. Heavy, silver colored.



(KETCHIKAN): Foc'sle Bar, "You've got one coming." Gold on red plastic, 39mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



KETCHIKAN: Foc'sle Bar, "You've got one coming." Gold on yellow plastic, 39mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



(KETCHIKAN): 49'er Bar, \$1.00. Poker chip style, gold on red plastic, 39mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



VALDEZ: Valdez Bottle Stop, Good for \$1 off. Black on wood.

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MINERS' GOLD

Since 1976, there have been several one ounce gold medals struck as a direct result of the mining industry in Alaska. These medals were struck to the order of Alaskan miners as a way to convert unrefined placer gold into a more recognizable form. Some have a companion piece struck in silver. Information on their mintages is sadly lacking. Due to the high intrinsic value, it can be assumed that not very many were struck.

The first item was made by Parker Industries in Kent, Washington, under the name of Northwest Territorial Mint. Many local miners had their gold turned into these medals. First struck in 1976, the obverse features a mountain. Locally known as the "Carl Parker" medal (a local miner, no relation to Parker Industries), the mountain was long thought to be Mt. Rainier because the medal was struck in Washington. Mrs. Gladys Parker Blood has provided information that it is in fact Money Knob, at the head of Olive Creek, 1.5 miles southeast of Livengood. One specimen has been seen in silver.



Bobby Miller, local gold miner and entrepreneur had gold medals struck in 1976 and 1978. Locally known as the "Bobby Miller" coin or the "Tofty" medal, these feature a very nice map of Alaska. The inscription on the obverse reads "Man Mining Company, Manley Hot Springs, Alaska 99756 / Pure Alaskan Placer Gold, Tofty, Alaska, One Troy Ounce, .999+Fine." The medals have different and dated reverses.



About 1978, another gold medal was seen from Nyak, Alaska. Memory is a fickle thing. All I remember is that it had a mining scene on one side. Reportedly, 24 were struck.

I seem to recall a companion piece for the 200th Anniversary of the visit of Capt. Cook to Alaska, and that these were not bright gold, but that they had a dull finish. These were shown to me in Anchorage, so maybe a collector from that area is familiar with them.

About 1980, the Placer Miners of Alaska, Inc. commissioned a medal. This medal shows an hydraulic miner on the obverse, and bears a list of placer strikes with dates on the reverse. A companion piece was struck in silver weighing .55 ounces. A later striking of the silver is a full ounce. This piece is currently being researched, and we hope to be able to bring you more information.

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EDITORIAL

This month we feature an article on modern gold medals. These trickle into the shop on an infrequent basis. Scarce as they are, they do not carry a price tag commensurate with that scarcity. They make a fun series that is a challenge to complete.

Included with this issue is the Alaskana section from our Auction to be held Oct. 14 in Fairbanks. If you would like a complete listing, please call 907-452-6461 as time is short.

Normally, we put out a Christmas shopper with the November issue. Because of the auction, and my travel plans (baseball), November will be my second month off. I will try to get the December issue in the mail before the first of December so those that wish to leave hints around the house will be able to do so.

We have had a great Indian summer this year, with temperatures in the 70s (one day it was 78, while Denver was getting snowed on!). Unfortunately, our days of outside baseball practice (for Phoenix) are numbered.

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NEWFOUNDLAND MEDAL



The Gateway Development Corporation of Channel-Port-Aux Basques, Newfoundland issued a medal to mark the 50th anniversary of incorporation in 1995 of their town. Channel-Port-Aux Basques is situated on the coast of the southwestern tip of Newfoundland.

One side of the medal features the town's logo, showing a fishing dory at sea with two fishermen. The dory represents the close ties of the town to the sea.

The Come Home Year logo is shown on the other side. The Marine Atlantic Ferry, a symbol of Channel-Port-Aux Basques as a key transportation link to the mainland, is pictured in the center.

Glenn Trenchard of Scarborough, Ontario designed the medal. Sherritt Inc., Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta struck 5,000 medals on 33mm brass colored aureate bonded steel blanks.

The medals are available from Gateway Community Development Corp., P.O. Box 430, Channel-Port-Aux Basques, Newfoundland, Canada.

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MINERS' GOLD, Cont.



Little Creek Mine in Ophir had silver and gold medals struck in 1990. Their gold medal was 1.5 ounces with a projected mintage of 250. Approximately 100 were minted. This attractive medal shows part of a dragline on the obverse and a gold panner on the reverse. A history of the Little Creek Mine can be found in the April, 1990 issue of ATC&PN.

There is nothing like a newly discovered item to liven one's interest. The piece below is what prompted this article. By the date, it has been around a couple of years, but this was the first time we had seen it.



Around a nice map of Alaska, the legend reads "Cassiterite Placer, Inc., Fairbanks, Alaska, 99701/Pure Alaska Placer Gold, Fox, Alaska, One Troy Ounce, .9999 Fine." The reverse has an eagle similar to the Washington quarter, "United States of America" above (like the quarter), "In Gold We Trust" below, and a small "1993" above the eagle's head. Sketchy information indicates that the issuer of this medal was also involved in the "Bobby Miller"

coin, and it seems to have been modeled on that piece.

Other medals have been struck in gold. There are the state medals, from 1989, 1990 and 1992 to the present. There was a private bullion series struck in Anchorage by Frank Tolley, that failed financially. We have had struck several of our medals in gold. The Anchorage/Alaska Mint has struck several pieces in gold. But these are not directly related to the gold mining industry.

This should be considered a preliminary listing. Current research is being done on the Placer Miners piece. More information on the "Bobby Miller" and Cassiterite pieces are a phone call away. Unfortunately, it is a phone call I cannot make, but one I have to wait for.

SPITSBERGEN

From "The Traveler's Handbook for Norway, Sweden and Denmark, including Spitsbergen, Iceland and other Arctic Islands" by Thomas Cook & Son of London, 1923, we find the following:

"In the meantime, during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, Dutch, Danish and Norwegian whalers flocked in the thousands to Spitsbergen. Whole villages sprang up on the coast, the most important among which was that of the Dutch, *Smeerenburg*, called by the English whalers Blubber Town, which is said to have had a floating population of 20,000 in the summer months, with music and dancing and gambling-houses, dram shops, and other similar places of amusement.

"*Smeerenburg*, the old whaling station called Blubber Town by English whalers, was situated on a point of *Fair Haven* or *Dutch Bay*. The old burial-place still remains."

As we know from Alaska and Yukon, such establishments used tokens. Here is a whole new possibility for numismatic research. Any one out there have a token with "Smeerenburg" on it?

YUKON PAPER POTPOURRI



(WHITEHORSE): Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous, 1962. Presumably Whitehorse. Printed black on yellow and black on orange. Approximately 166mm by 82mm.



DAWSON: "Days of '98", Klondike Tourist Bureau. These have been seen printed black on pink. The above is black on yellow. 180mm by 96mm.

FOR THE RECORD



ANCHORAGE: Anchorage Public Transit, People Mover, good for one youth fare. Brass, 16.5mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



(ANCHORAGE): Elks 1351 chip. 39mm blue with 27mm white center.



ANCHORAGE: 33rd Annual Elks Convention (1981). Brass, 40mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



FAIRBANKS: Gold Nugget Motel, Wooden Nickel, 5¢ Face Value. Black on wood.



FAIRBANKS: Gold Rush Saloon, Good for one drink. Black on wood.



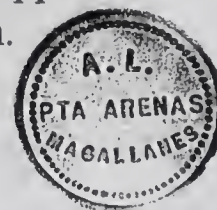
SITKA: 29th Annual Elks Convention, 1977. Bronze, 40mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ST. PAUL ISLAND: St. Paul Island Bicentennial, 1787 - 1987. St. Paul Pilgrimage, Diocesan Assembly, Saints Peter and Paul. Bronze, 38mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

PUNTA ARENAS TOKENS

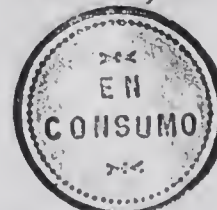
For ease of reference (generally, your editor's), we are presenting a listing of Punta Arenas tokens that have appeared in previous issues. All are brass, 21mm.



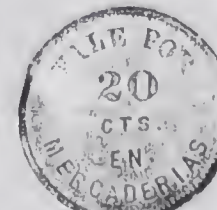
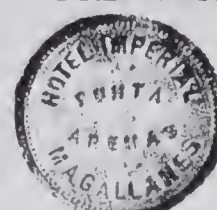
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		ESTIMATE
248	Alaska Tokens: Chatanika, B-3a,c. N.G. Cox, Dempsey Hotel, 25¢ and \$1. Dug, but very legible. Affordable tokens from a virtual ghost town. Two pieces.	55.00
249	Alaska Token: Murphy Dome, B-3g. 744th AC&W, NCO Open Mess, \$1 in Trade. Military tokens of this era are becoming difficult to obtain. Murphy Dome is just 30 minutes from Fairbanks, but this is the first of this token we have had in years.	30.00
250	Alaska Token Book: "Rubles to Statehood" by Fernald and McDowell, 1965. This <u>very</u> scarce book is in excellent condition, with rarity scale, introductory letter and envelope included. This is only the second copy we have purchased in 18 years. Very scarce and desirable for the Alaskan token collector. Also included is the 1960 edition of "Alaska's Coinage Through the Years" by Gould and Bresett. Even this little paperback is becoming hard to find. "Rubles" alone should be worth.	100 00-200.00
251	Alaska Medals: Fairbanks Coin Club Alaskan Pioneer, 1976, Bob Reeves, silver and bronze set. Also, Eskimo Olympics 1967 silver and bronze set. The sponge in the plastic cases is sticking to the Eskimo Olympic medals.	45.00
252	Pioneer Memorial Park, 1967, Alaska land, A-67 medals. Three each sterling silver and bronze. Mismatched serial numbers. The silver medals contain approximately .77 ounces of pure silver. Design features mining, a river boat and a locomotive. 6 pieces.	30.00
253	Alaska Medals: Fairbanks Coin Club Alaskan Pioneer, 1976, Bob Reeves, silver and bronze set. Also, Eskimo Olympics 1967 silver and bronze set. The sponge in the plastic cases is sticking to the Eskimo Olympic medals.	45.00
254	Official State of Alaska Medal, 1990, Proof. Only 1,250 of these were struck depicting a stylized walrus on the obverse and the mandatory state seal on the reverse. These were struck by Alaska Precious Metals before they went bankrupt in 1991.	100.00
255	Official Alaska Railroad Medal, 1990. First year of issue for this series struck in 1 ounce pure silver by the Alaska Mint in Anchorage. This is the rarest of the series with only 300 minted. This consignment should receive spirited bidding because we have had many customers ask for this issue and have yet to fill an order! Actually, this is the first we have seen. In original case.	250.00+
256	Contemporary 1 Oz. Silver Alaska Medals. Includes "Visit Alaska or the Wolf Bites It!", 1995 State of Alaska P/L medal with puffins, and (2) 1992 Alaska Highway/Lend Lease medals. Only 1,200 of "the Wolf Bites It" were minted. Four pcs.	63.00
257	Alaska Prospectors Baseball Team, 1995. 1 oz. silver medal. Limited edition of only 50 pieces, this is Serial #1! This is a fund raiser for an over 30, Men's baseball team that will be traveling to Phoenix in November for the Men's Senior Baseball League World Series. Funds raised will be used for uniforms and equipment. (Additional specimens are available through ARCI for \$50).	50.00+
258	Alaska All-Grape Soda Can. Old steel can from Alaska Beverage Company, Fairbanks. Purple and white, some scratches and light rust, pierced top. Circa 1960s?	10.00+

- 259 **Prinz Brau Beer Cans.** 13 opened cans with one cardboard bottle carrier. Assume that all cans will have at least very light denting. 13 cans and one carrier. 25.00+
- 260 **Fairbanks Daily News-Miner newspapers.** Historically significant. April 12, 13, and 14, 1961 issues with articles on the front page about Yuri Gagarin, first man in space. Also included is the May 5, 1961 issue with Alan Shepard, the first American in space. Some internal clippings, but the front pages are intact. 4 newspapers. 20.00
- 261 **Fairbanks Daily News-Miner newspapers.** Historically significant. April 15, 17, 19 and 20, 1961. Headlines concerning "Bay of Pigs" invasion. Some internal clippings, but the front pages are intact. 4 newspapers. 20.00
- 262 **Alaska Book: Alaska and the Klondike**, by John S. McLain, 1907. The binding is starting to loosen at the front. The cover is ok with a fade spot. Over 90 illustrations. A nice example of this scarce book. 150.00
- 263 **Alaska Book: Alaska and Missions on the North Pacific Coast**, by Sheldon Jackson, 1880. Spine damaged, hinges loose. Really, a candidate for rebinding pasting down the original spine and covers. We have seen this book for as much as \$90, but as it is.. 40.00
- 264 **Alaska Book: "The Chicago Record's Book for Gold Seekers, Klondike Alaska Gold Fields**, 1897. Nice pictorial cover, with binding and content nice and tight. Some scuffing on the cover, but still very acceptable. One of the more popular books of the period. 60.00
- 265 **Arctic Bibliography, Vol. 6**, 1956. While this bibliography mostly lists arctic related items published in 1954, there are many from earlier years that were missed in earlier volumes. This series is an invaluable resource to the researcher. A map is attached in side the back cover. Internally tight, the hinges are weak. 50.00

Bids may be mailed to ARCI, P.O. Box 72832, Fairbanks, AK 99707, or phoned in to (907) 452-6461.

ALASKA PROSPECTORS BASEBALL TEAM



Only 50 of these one ounce pure silver medals will be struck. Serial #1 medal is lot 257 above. Struck by the Alaska Mint in Anchorage, the obverse features their 1995 Gold Panner, with a small gold nugget in the pan.

The Alaska Prospectors Baseball Team is a senior team (age 30 and over) sponsored by **Prospector Apparel & Sporting Goods, Twisted Stitches, Par 4 Family Fun Center and Alaska Rare Coins** that will be traveling to Phoenix, Arizona to participate in the Men's Senior Baseball League "World Series." Only 34 (plus #1 in the auction) are available to the general public. Funds raised in excess of the cost of the medals will be used for uniforms and equipment. Funds will not be used for personal expenses. Your editor will once again be participating. It was just too much fun last year. The team is made up of 9 players from Fairbanks, 3 from Anchorage and 2 from Connecticut (friends from last year's team). The medals are priced at \$50 each. Please include \$2.50 per order for postage and insurance. Thank you for your support.

NEWS ARTICLE DOCUMENTS

SALCHAKET TOKENS!!

(From the Fairbanks Daily News Miner, April 9, 1938)



When David Mutchler came to town the other day from the Big Chena where he and his brothers, George and John conduct a warm springs resort, he had some aluminum discs that once passed current as money. Discs stamped with the figure of a moose were the equivalent of \$1, those with a beaver of 50 cents and those with a muskrat of 25 cents.

"This token money," Mr. Mutchler declared, "was ordered made in the states and put into circulation by the late William Munson, who some 30-odd years ago kept a roadhouse and trading post at Salcha.

"The place then was the site of a native village with a population of about 200. The natives were of exceptionally good character - law abiding, industrious and thrifty. Their chief occupation was trapping. Fur bearing animals were plentiful.

"For several years after Munson established himself at Salcha, the community thrived on virtually a cash basis. Finally its reputation for prosperity prompted an undesirable element to put in an appearance at the close of the trapping seasons, and to remain until the natives no longer had any money.



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EDITORIAL

It has been an eventful month, to say the least. On Oct. 30, I received a call from my mother that my father had passed away. A shock, but not really, as he had bi-pass surgery four years ago. The whole family was back in Massachusetts within 28 hours. A couple of days after the funeral, I headed to Phoenix for the annual baseball tournament. While in Phoenix, my wife's grandfather in Maine passed away, so she was in Maine when I got back from Phoenix.

In October, we were fortunate to purchase a small collection of really nice, old Alaskan tokens. This prompted us to put together a price list for the first time since (I think) 1986. Check this list carefully for some scarce pieces.

Our Christmas Shopper is still in the process of being compiled, but will be in this issue. Also to be included will be the index for 1995. If either of these are missing, please let us know.

This issue will put Volume 17 to bed. As is customary, I would like to thank all those contributors that have made this year possible. These people are listed below in the order in which their names appeared in this year's issues:

Alan Weinberg	Lee Poleske
Jim Robb	Tom Wall
Kurtis Hawk	Jim Moody
Christie Tavenor	Bryan E. Cleary
Bill Becht	Lew Egnew
David Bennison	Ron Benice
Candy Waugaman	Brian Denman
Jerry Remick	

All subscriptions become due the first of the year. If you wish to subscribe for 1996, please see the subscription rates in the next column and use the order blank in the Christmas Shopper.

As usual, because of inventory, the January issue might be late (then again, it might not be). If time permits, we hope to bring you a listing of modern Alaskan tokens with that issue.

Finally, next month we hope to bring you information on a rare set of Alaskan scrip issued by Fairbanks banks in 1907/1908.

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There is lots of good information in our files so that 1996 will start out as an interesting year. However, we can always use your input. Please let us hear from you so that we can improve the newsletter.

SALMON FISHING FLY



The Grand Falls-Windsor Chamber of Commerce, Newfoundland, issued a 1995 \$2 municipal token showing their municipal salmon fishing fly named Beothuk, designed by Rob Solo, on the obverse (designed by Craig Goudie) and the Salmonid Interpretation Center on the reverse (designed by Heber Butt). Through an oversight, the face value and expiry date were not engraved on the dies, so that the piece appears to be a medal. Walwin Blackmore, mayor of Grand Falls-Windsor signed a proclamation stating that this piece shall "be true legal tender in the town of Grand Falls-Windsor for the period of June 27 to September 1, 1995."

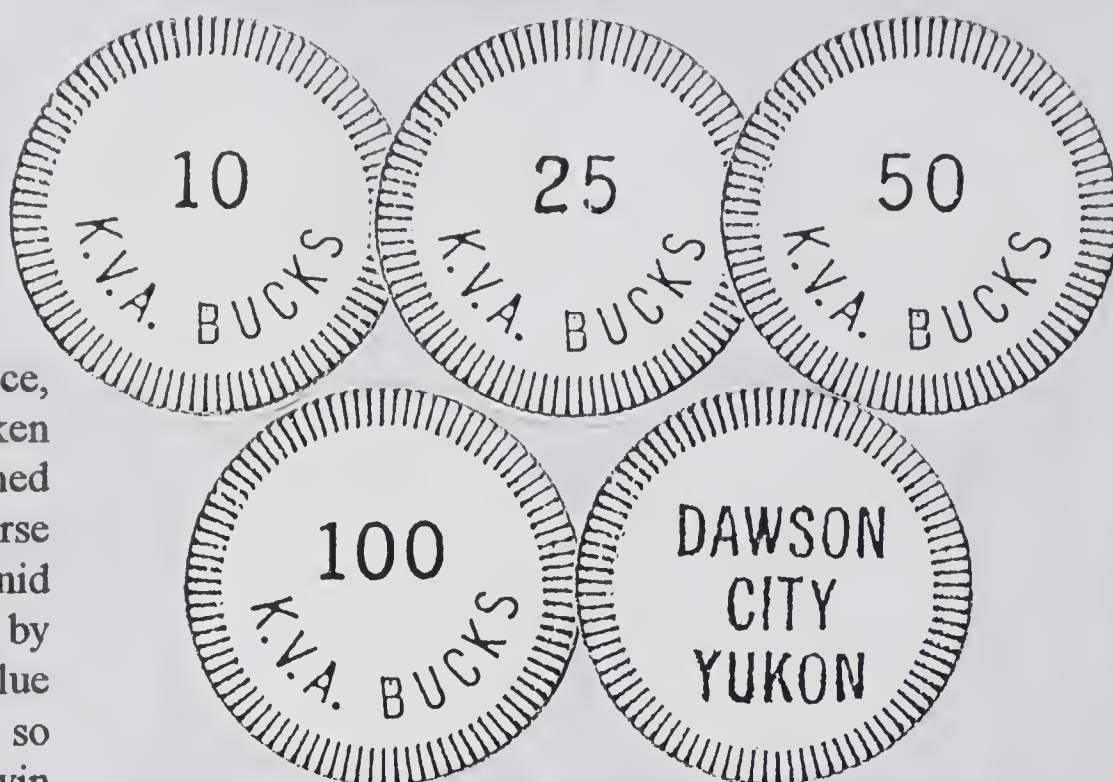
The 1995 token is the first in a series of 8 municipal tokens to be issued annually from 1995 to 2002. The next seven tokens will each depict one of the seven stages in the life cycle of the Atlantic salmon. The Salmonid Interpretation Center is situated on one side of the Exploits River just below the falls known as Grand Falls. The main function of the center is a ladder to aid the Atlantic salmon to get up the Exploits and around Grand Falls. Visitors can view the salmon going up stream with the aid of the ladder during the summer months.

Grand Falls-Windsor, population 17,000 is situated near the north central coast of Newfoundland. Pulp and paper made Grand Falls the fourth largest urban center in Newfoundland. Abitibi Price produces about 1,000 tons of newsprint per day.

Sherritt Inc. of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta struck 4,500 pieces on 33mm nickel bonded steel. Additionally, 150 each were made in gold plated NBS, antiqued bronze plated NBS and antiqued silver plated NBS.

Because of its small staff, the C of C is unable to fill mail orders. The NBS specimens are available for \$2.90 (Canadian orders add 7% GST) from Jim Quinn, P.O. Box 291, Miramichi, NB, Canada E1V 3M4. Prices for plated specimens on request.

K.V.A. BUCKS



The Klondike Visitors Association Bucks illustrated above pre-dated Diamond Tooth Gertie's chips. All have gold lettering, the color of the plastic can be seen in the chart below:

10 - White	25 - Red
50 - Blue	100 - Transparent Green

Only the "100" has "Dawson City, Yukon" on the reverse (submitted by Brian Denman).

PIONEERS OF ALASKA



The Pioneers of Alaska have issued 400 one ounce silver medals as illustrated above. 35 medals have gold nuggets applied. These are available only to officers of the Grand Igloo, including Past Grand Presidents (and widows of Past Grand Presidents).

At present, sale is limited to members of the Pioneers of Alaska by mail from Charles Karges, Box 591, Seward, AK 99644. The price is \$25. Some are also available through the Fairbanks and Anchorage Igloos.

The current plan is to issue a new medal annually. Future designs may relate to the site of each respective convention.

SALCHAKET TOKENS, cont.

"Then it would devolve on Munson to give the aborigines credit for provisions until another trapping season and to outfit them for it. Occasionally there were seasons when fur takes were not sufficient to liquidate the post bills.

"So Munson devised his aluminum money. He paid for furs and services with it. He accepted it in return for goods. It was an adequate medium of exchange at Salcha, but nowhere else. Nobody was tempted to go there to deprive the natives of it.

"The New Deal revived prosperity.

"I do not know what caused the natives to dwindle away. Only a few remain. Barnabus Mumbas, a doughty chief in the halcyon days of the community was accidentally drowned a few years ago. His successor, Johnny Sam, was a monarch without subjects. He died in recent months.

"Munson's 'wild life' money has passed its usefulness, too - except as pocket pieces."

Known variously as Salchaket Post, Salchaket Trading Post, Salchaket Trading Post and Roadhouse, and Munson's Roadhouse, these tokens are among the rarest. The news article description is wrong in that the 50 cents token has a bear (not beaver), and the 25 cents token has two beavers (not muskrat). Last we heard, there was only one complete set, and a couple of single specimens. The scrip below is also very rare.

Our thanks to Bruce Haldeman for bringing this to our attention, and to Candy Waugaman for the photo.



ALASKA TERRITORIAL GUARD

In the September issue, we illustrated the Alaska Territorial Guard medal. Because of its relatively new appearance, we wondered if it might be a fabrication. In "State Medals for War Service," by Douglas W. Boyce, 1988, we found this medal listed as follows:

"The Alaska Territorial Guard was formed in 1942 by Governor Ernest Gruening as a result of the Alaska National Guard being called into Federal service and sent to the States for training. ATG consisted primarily of native Alaskans and was known as the "Tundra Army" numbering no more than 3,000 individuals at peak strength and 3,945 in total. The mission of the ATG was to co-operate with the regular armed forces in repelling an attack on the territory, provide effective reconnaissance by scouting and patrolling, and be ready for guerilla warfare if necessary. Units ranged in size from six to 150 men and covered 75 villages and towns mostly along the coast. The organization was disbanded on March 31, 1947. Resolution 16 passed in 1966 commended the officers and men of the ATG on their 25th anniversary and requested Governor Egan to honor the members with special medals and certificates.

"Description: A circular silver-gilt medal 32mm in diameter. The obverse contains the image of three ATG soldiers and is a version of a painting by "Rusty" Heurlein entitled "From Metlakatla to Barrow - The Territorial Guard". This painting was completed during the war and is reported to have been used as a savings bond-drive poster. The painting depicts a white soldier standing, an Eskimo soldier in the prone position and an Indian soldier kneeling with the background consisting of the big dipper and north star as shown on the Alaska flag and a range of mountains rising to the right. To the left is a U.S. flag and on the right are the northern lights. Around the upper edge of the medal are the words ALASKA TERRITORIAL GUARD and at the bottom the dates 1942-1947. The reverse is plain. The attractive ribbon is 35mm wide with a center of white and 11mm red stripes on each edge. There is a 3mm green center stripe and this is flanked by two 4mm blue stripes."

While this establishes the legitimacy of the medal, we still question the one we saw. Where the book describes the medal as silver-gilt (gold plated silver), the specimen that we saw was an oxidized silver. The box and white satin lined insert looked brand new, not 20 years old.

Perhaps as time goes by, we will learn more about these.



HICKEL NICKEL



A cent taped to a piece of paper with "Hickel" above and "Nickel" below in blue mimeo. The cent is 1965. Sort of like calling the Anthony Dollar the Jimmy Carter Penny!

SMEERENBURG, SPITSBERGEN

In the last issue, we mentioned Smeerenburg as a possible site for token use. Well, upon further research, it seems that it might just be an impossible task to research this.

According to Sir Martin Conway, in "No Man's Land", 1906, Smeerenburg was founded in 1614 and firmly established by 1623. The report in Cook's travel guide that it had a floating population of 20,000 is considered a gross exaggeration. Conway feels that the summer population was closer to 1,000 to 1,200. There were a minimal number of buildings, most structures being called "tents." But when Friedrich Martens visited Smeerenburg in 1671, after it had been abandoned for some years, he writes "Then comes Smeerenburg, where houses built by the Dutch are still standing...They are every year falling to ruin and being burnt down. This year several houses were standing, like a village, and some of them were burnt." This gives the impression that Smeerenburg was more than a "tent" city.

Nathan Haskell Dole, in "America in Spitsbergen," mainly about the coal mine established by John Munro Longyear, in two volumes published in 1922, states "...the settlement assumed some importance. There was a bakery where a horn was sounded every morning to announce that hot rolls were ready; there were shops for the sale of tobacco and strong drinks. There was a church. Questionable characters flocked there and among them women were occasionally seen."

One interesting item is the mention of whalebone (baleen) medallions: "The uses of whalebone were fewer, so that in 1624 the price had fallen to two pence per pound, and this in spite of the fact that new uses had been found for it. At Amsterdam there was an English ivory-turner, John Osborne by name, a native of Worcester. In 1618 he invented a method of uniting, apparently by heat and pressure, the thin pieces of whalebone together into a black mass, which became so supple and soft that it could be pressed into any shape in a metal mold or beneath an engraved plate of metal, and would take the impression of the finest lines. The substance was black as jet, and was used to ornament looking-glass frames, sideboards, mantelpieces, knife-handles, and so forth. Fine medallions of Prince Maurice and his wife, impressed by John Osborne in this material, are not uncommon. Examples may be seen in the British Museum. I have two in my own possession. On regarding the back of them, it will be perceived that they are made of whalebone, not horn, as usually stated in sale

catalogues. For this invention, which we are told doubled the price of whalebone, Osborne received a pension for ten years from the States General."

It seems that Smeerenburg is remote in time as well as location. Perhaps some of our European readers have access to historical accounts which might shed some light on how every day trade was conducted on Spitsbergen.

Our brief research was not in vane, as the baleen medallion attests. References to numismatic items can be found in the most unlikely places. Only wish that we could bring you an illustration.

CANADA'S NEW \$2 COIN



Canada's new \$2 coin will be bi-metallic, comprised of an aluminum bronze core surrounded by a nickel ring. In the center will be a polar bear, with Canada above, and 2 dollars below. Initial release is planned for February, 1996.


GOLD MINER'S SILVER!



The silver medal from Cassiterite Placer, Inc., the mate to the gold illustrated last month is shown above.

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"The company will be put to an enormous expense in carrying out the plan that has been decided upon, but when health and convenience of the community is at stake the Nome Water company does not shy at expense.

"Pumping stations will be built over the gushing springs of Dry creek and fires kept burning therein to keep them from freezing, and all winter they will supply Nome with water which will be delivered in barrels. This action on the part of the company solves a knotty and serious problem. The water will be fresh and clean and free from death-laden germs.

"During the past week many complaints have been made about the water furnished by the week along Main street. It has been practically unfit for use, to say nothing of the typhoid fever germs it is liable to contain.

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Illustration from "Nome, City of the Golden Beaches," Alaska Geographic, Vol. 11, number 1, 1984, edited by Terrance Cole.

N.Z. HONORS ROSS



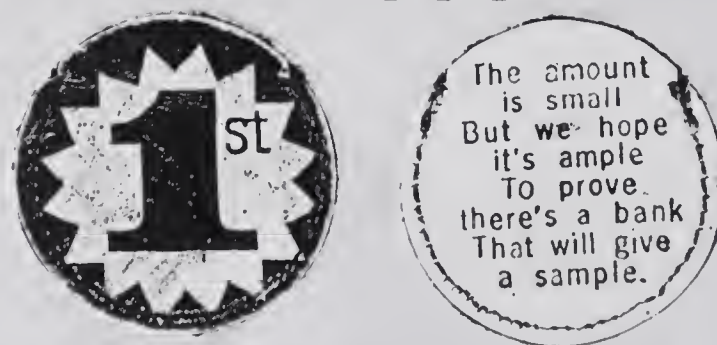
New Zealand has honored polar explorer James Clark Ross with a \$5 silver coin. The obverse features a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, while the reverse has a bust of Ross, the dates 1800-1862 and small maps of New Zealand and Antarctica showing Ross Dependency.

In 1831, with his uncle John, he tried to find the Northwest passage. On that expedition, he determined the approximate location of the north magnetic pole. On an expedition from 1839 to 1843 in the Antarctic, he discovered the ice covered Ross Sea.

New Zealand's pie shaped claim in the Antarctic is named Ross Dependency in his honor. The U.S. scientific base at McMurdo Sound is located on Ross Island in Ross Dependency. New Zealand's only year-round base in the Antarctic is two miles from McMurdo. Cape Evans on Ross Island was the site of Scott's overwintering hut for his ill-fated attempt to reach the South Pole in 1910.

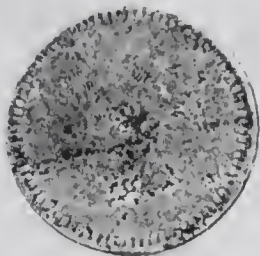
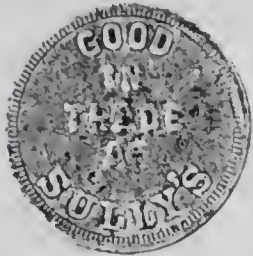
Territorial claims in the Antarctic are suspended while the Antarctic Treaty is in force. The U.S. does not recognize any of the claims, and but does not relinquish its rights to make such claims in the future.

LEATHER POUCH



Above is a small leather pouch to hold a cent or dime from First National Bank of Anchorage. It is blue on white, and stitched around the perimeter, with an opening left for the coin.

FOR THE RECORD



MAVERICK: Sully's, Good in trade at. That is Sully's, not Solly's. Die cutting error or another merchant? Reverse blank. Aluminum, 25mm.



CIRCLE CITY: Circle City Hotel, 12½¢ at the bar. Four lobed, brass, 29.5mm at the widest point.

FAIRBANKS: Elks Lodge #1551, two types. 1) Good for a drink, black on wood. 2) Wooden Buck, red on wood.



CORDOVA: J. W. Little, Good for 1 Drink. Aluminum, 24.5mm.



FAIRBANKS: Los Amigos, good for one drink, red on wood.



EIELSON A.F.B.: Concession Laundromat, 1981. Brass, 22mm.



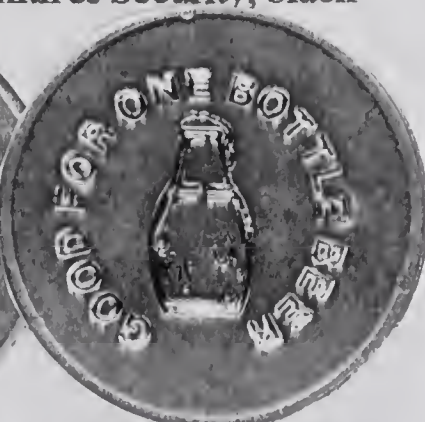
FAIRBANKS: Jake's/The Other Place, good for one drink, green on wood. This wood is over 15 years old. The first basketball team I played for in the recreation league when I came to Fairbanks was sponsored by "The Other Place."



FAIRBANKS: Alaska Locksmith & Security, black on wood.



FAIRBANKS: Savoy Bar, good for one free drink, black on wood.



FAIRBANKS: Comet Club, good for one bottle beer. Gold on green plastic, 42mm.

Most woods in this listing are older and long out of use.

KLONDIKE DOLLARS!



Brian Denman sent in Klondike Dollars from the board game "Klondike" by Gamma Games Ltd. of Vancouver. The game was roughly based on Pierre Berton's book about the Klondike gold rush.

The game had two editions, 1974 and 1975, and the notes are different. The colors of the notes are as follows (1974/1975): 1,000 (pale blue/pale blue); 5,000 (off white/goldenrod); 10,000 (pale yellow/hot pink); 20,000 (pale green/tan); and 50,000 (goldenrod/yellow). All have black printing. The 1974 notes are on thin paper, while the 1975 notes are on stiffer paper.

GCI CALLCACHE



GCI has their own prepaid phone cards in the denominations of \$5, \$10 and \$20. All seem to be of the same design, but with a different color stripe to the left. These are multi-colored.

INTERESTING PIN



ALASKA MILITARY HIGHWAY: Utah Construction Co., pin back button, black on white. Utah Construction of Salt Lake City completed the final section of the Alaska Highway between Kluane Lake and the Alaska border (submitted by Brian Denman).

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It has been years since we have done a token price list. The reason is that good material just has not been coming in. We were fortunate this month to purchase several very nice pieces, and they are listed below. Many are one of a kind, so please give us a call for those pieces you just have to have. The format followed is generally business name, denomination, Benice number. Any major defects are noted. Orders over \$50 postpaid, under \$50, include \$2.50 for postage and insurance.

ALAKANUK

001 Alstrom Trading Co., \$5 I/M, B-1d. 15.00

ALASKA RURAL REHABILITATION CORP.

(listed under Palmer)

002 ARRC, 1¢ I/T, B-1a 20.00
003 ARRC, 5¢ I/T, B-1b 20.00
004 ARRC, 10¢ I/T, B-1c 20.00
005 ARRC, 50¢ I/T, B-1e 60.00
006 ARRC, complete set of 8, B-1a-h 450.00

ANCHORAGE

007 Alpine Inn, Richmond's, Victory, 25¢ I/T, B-5b. 15.00
008 As above, \$1 I/T, B-5c 15.00
009 Canteen Bar, 12½¢ I/T, B-10a, original. 65.00
010 Cheechako Tavern, 12½¢ I/T, B-11bi. 25.00
011 The Club, 12½¢ I/T, B-12ai. 30.00
012 The Club, 12½¢ I/T, B-12b. 30.00
013 D&D Bar, 50¢ I/T, B-14b 10.00
157 Union Club & Pool Hall, 12½¢ I/T, B-37a 110.00

BARROW

014 Tony's Recreation, complete set of 4; 5,10, 25 and 50¢, B-1 a-d. 80.00
015 As above, 10¢ I/T only. 20.00

BERING RIVER

016 Hoonah Packing Co., 5¢ I/T, B-1a. 55.00

BETHEL

017 Olsen Bros., complete set of 3, 25 and 50¢ and \$1, B-3 a-c. 18.00
018 As above, 50¢ I/T only, B-3b. 6.00
019 As above, \$1 I/T only, B-3c. 7.00

BRISTOL BAY

020 Bristol Bay Packing Co., 10¢, B-1c. 5.00

CHATANIKA

021 Bingle Fritz, 25¢ I/T, B-1a, aluminum plug fully readable. 150.00
022 As above, aluminum plug only partially readable 125.00
023 Bingle Fritz, set of 3, 25 and 50¢ and \$1, B-1 a-c. Nice set. 450.00
024 Dempsey Hotel, 25¢ I/T, B-3a. 30.00
025 As Above, \$1 I/T, B-3c 30.00
026 Set of the above, two B-3 a, c. 55.00

CIRCLE CITY



027 Circle City Hotel, 12½¢ I/T. Brass, four-lobed, 29mm. Unlisted in Benice. Sharp. 400.00

CLEARY

028 Fritz, no denomination, B-1a. A dug token, price reduced. 50.00
029 Totem, 12½¢ I/T, B-4a. 50.00
030 Eddie Willis, Good in Trade, B-6a. A dug token, price reduced. 100.00

CORDOVA

031 Alaskan Hotel, 12½¢ I/T, B-1a. 12.00
032 The Club, C&M, 25¢ I/T, B-10a. 45.00
033 As above, barely identifiable. 7.00
034 Horseshoe Liquor, 6¼¢ I/T, B-20a. 75.00



035 J. W. Little, 1 Drink. Alum., 24mm. Unlisted in Benice. Worn, some scrapes. Not bad. 295.00
036 Southern Club, 6¼¢ I/T, B-36a. 60.00

CRAIG

037 Lib's & Jessie's, set of 3; 10,25 and 50¢, B-3 a-c. 40.00
038 As above, 25¢ only, B-3b. 15.00

DYEA

039 W.A. & H., no denomination, B-4a. A dug token, price reduced. 250.00

EIELSON A.F.B.

040 NCO Rocker Club, 50¢ I/T, B-5bi. 5.00

ESTER



- 041 Golden Eagle, W.C. Harp, 25¢ I/T, B-1a. A specimen of the only known token from Ester. 450.00

FAIRBANKS

- 042 American Legion, \$1 I/T, post-statehood, scarce. 25.00
043 BPOE 1551 Bingo Darts, 50¢ I/T, B-5a. 5.00
044 As above, \$5 I/T, B-5b. 6.00
045 Bredlie's Pool Room, 25¢ I/T, B-8b. 150.00
046 Bredlie's Pool Room, 50¢ I/T, B-8c 125.00
047 Chisolm & Hall, 12½¢ I/T, B-12a 125.00
048 The Eagle, Ritchey & Frick, 25¢ I/T, B-14a. 250.00
049 J&B Eagle Cigar Store, 12½¢ I/T, B-14b 200.00
050 Fairview Hotel Pool Hall, 25¢ I/T, B-19b, a dug token. 25.00
051 Nevada Bar, 5¢ I/T, B-37a. 12.00
052 Nordale Hotel Bar & Pool Room, Bi-metal, 25¢ I/T, B-38a. Popular and rare. 250.00
053 Palace Cigar Store, no denom., B-42a, a dug token, price reduced. 50.00
054 Pioneer Hotel, 25¢ I/T, B-45c. 25.00
055 Riverside & Wonder Bars, 75¢ I/M, post-statehood, scarce. Brass, bent, stained. 25.00
056 Rose Cigar Co., 1 Cigar, B-50a. 175.00
057 D. Ryan, no denomination. B-51a 150.00
058 Zapel's Restaurant, 10¢ I/T, B-58a. 10.00
059 University Bus Lines, 15¢ in transportation. B-T7a, AT-300D. Scarcer than indicated by catalogue price. 25.00
060 elix Pedro Medal, 1952, gold anodized aluminum, scalloped shape. Fairly scarce. Regularly \$22, special at only... 15.00

GAMBELL

- 061 Reindeer Commercial Co., partial set of 6; 1¢ to \$1, B-1 a-f. 55.00

HAINES

- 062 Lidnsay Hotel, 12½¢ I/T, B-10a. 200.00

HOONAH

- 063 Hoonah Packing Co., 5¢ I/T, B-1a. 12.00
064 Hoonah Packing Co., 50¢ I/T, B-1di. 25.00
065 As above, B-1dii. 35.00
066 Icy Straits Salmon Co., 25¢ I/T, B-2b. 25.00
067 Icy Straits Salmon Co., 50¢ I/T, B-2c 25.00

HYDER

- 068 The Bungalow, 25¢ I/T, B-2a. 18.00

JUNEAU

- 069 Imperial Pool Parlor, 5¢, B-30a. 5.00
070 AH. King, 1916, 50¢ I/T, B-42c 10.00
071 New York Exchange, 6¼¢ I/T, B-53bi, with small hole punched. 10.00
072 Nuggett, 12½¢, B-54b 5.00
073 Masonic Penny, Taku Chapter, B-47a 125.00
074 San Francisco Bakery, 1 loaf, B-65a. 35.00
075 Spickett's Smoke Shop, 12½¢ I/T, B-68a. 125.00

KETCHIKAN

- 076 Abercrombie's, 2¢ I/T, B-1a. 15.00



- 077 Admiral Saloon, 12½¢ I/T, B-2b. Very nice, scarce saloon. 300.00
079 Blue Fox Pup, 5,25 and 50¢ I/T, B-6 a,c,d. 20.00
080 As above, but 5¢ I/T only, B-6a. 5.00
081 F.O.E. Aerie 162, Monday and Thurs., B-14a. 15.00
082 The Hub, 25¢ I/T, B-19a. 5.00
158 Katchikan Pharmacy, 5¢ I/T, B-22a 110.00
083 Lange's, \$1 I/T, B-29d. 22.00
084 The Pioneer, B. Barclay, 5¢ I/T, B-42a. 45.00
085 R+C, Pioneer Bar Card Room, 10pts., B-47a variety. Not octagonal, but not quite round. 50.00
086 Scandia Bar, 10¢ I/T, B-55b. 75.00
087 Scoug's Place, 25¢ I/T, B-56b 12.00
088 As above, 50¢ I/T, B-56c 12.00
089 Stedman Hotel Co., 12½¢ I/T, B-60ai, dug, dirty and pitted. 20.00
159 As above, B-60aii. 25.00
090 Northern Bus Co., 1 Bus Fare, B-T4a, AT-450I. 12.00

KIVALINA

- 091 Reindeer & Trading Co., 5¢ I/T, B-1a. 4.00

KOBUK

- 092 Harry Brown, 25¢ I/T, B-1a. 8.00

KODIAK

- 093 B&B Bar, 1 Booze or Beer, B-1c. 5.00
094 Brown Bear Bus Line, Return Fare, B-T1ai, AT-500B, lustrous. 20.00
095 NOB, no denomination, B-10b. 15.00

KOTZEBUE

- 096 Ferguson Stores, complete set of 3; 25 and 50 cents, \$1, B-1 a-c. 75.00

KWIGUK

- 097 Alstrom, complete set of 6; B-1 a-f. The 25¢ is worn, dented and edge clipped, the 50¢ is worn with a hole in the center, and the \$1 is very worn. This is very typical of this set, unlike the Alstrom Alakanuk set that is encountered BU! The higher denominations are ok. 65.00
098 As above, but the \$10 red fiber only, B-1f 12.00

MCCARTHY

- 099 Johnson Hotel, 12½¢ I/T, B-4a. 35.00

MILLER HOUSE

- 100 Miller House Bar, 1 Drink, B-1a. 12.00

MURPHY DOME

- 101 Murphy Dome Gold, 25¢, B-1a. 4.00
102 Open Mess, 10¢, B-2b. 10.00
103 NCO Open Mess, 25¢ I/T, B-3d. 8.00

MURPHY DOME, cont.		
104	As above, 50¢ I/T, B-3e.	15.00
161	744th NCO Open Mess, \$1 I/T B-3f	30.00
162	As above, \$1 I/T, B-3g	30.00

NEBESNA

105	Nebesna Trading Co., \$1 I/T, B-1a.	125.00
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NENANA

106	Smoke House, 12½¢ I/T, B-7a	50.00
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NOME

107	New Lincoln Bar, 50¢ I/T, B-36a, fired as are most.	35.00
108	Polet Stores, 5¢ I/T, B-41b.	10.00
109	Polet Stores, 25¢ I/T, B-41f.	12.00
110	Polet Stores, 50¢ I/T, B-41g.	30.00
111	Polet Stores, \$1 I/T, B-41I.	18.00

NOORVIK

112	Noorvik Cooperative Store, set of 4; 10, 25, 50¢ and \$1, B-1 b,c,d,e.	35.00
113	As above, 10¢ I/T only, B-1b.	10.00
114	As above, 25¢ I/T only, B-1c.	10.00
115	As above, 50¢ I/T only, B-1d.	10.00
116	As above, \$1 I/T only, B-1e.	10.00

PORT ALEXANDER

117	John Jacobson, 12½¢ I/T, B-3a.	18.00
118	T.J. Jacobson, \$1 I/T, B-4b.	22.00

SAVOONGA

119	Reindeer Commercial Company, complete set of 8, from 1¢ to \$10, B-1 a-h.	90.00
120	As above, 1¢ to 50¢ only, B-1, a-e.	25.00
121	As above, 1¢ I/T only, B-1a.	5.00
122	As above, 10¢ I/T only, B-1c.	5.00
123	As Above, 25¢ I/T only, B-1d.	5.00
124	As above, 50¢ I/T only, B-1e	5.00

SELAVIK

125	Louis Rotman, complete set of 3, 25 and 50¢, and \$1, B-1 a-c.	90.00
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SEWARD

126	American Legion, Post 5, B-1a.	5.00
127	Northern, 12½¢ I/T, B-6bii.	50.00
128	As above, but cleaned.	42.00
129	Up & Up, W. Holben, 12½, B-18a, bright due to cleaning.	120.00

SHEMYA

130	NCO Open Mess, 50¢ I/M. B-2gi.	8.00
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SHISHMAREF

131	Shishmaref Native Store, complete set of 5; 5¢ to \$1, B-1 a-e.	35.00
132	As above, 5¢ only, B-1a, or 25¢, B-1c, <u>each</u>	5.00

SITKA

134	American Legion, \$1 I/M, B-2b.	8.00
135	R. Witz, 5¢ I/T, B-17a	65.00

SKAGWAY

136	Perry Hern, 12½¢ I/T, set of 3, B12a, all three varieties.	15.00
137	McCreedy & Elliott, 10¢ I/M, B-16b.	25.00

SNUG HARBOR

138	Pioneer Canneries Inc., \$1.25 box of clams. B-2a.	110.00
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SPENARD

139	Friendly Fireside Lounge, 65, 70 and 85¢ I/T, B-2 b,c,e.	12.00
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TELLER

140	Teller Commercial Co., 5¢ I/T, B-3a.	5.00
141	As above, 25¢ I/T, B-3b.	8.00
142	As above, 50¢ I/T, B-3c.	8.00
143	As above, \$1 I/T only, B-3d.	12.00

THANE

144	A.G.M. Co. Club Room, 12½¢ I/T, B-1a.	15.00
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VALDEZ

145	Copper Block Buffet, 12½¢ I/T, B-4b	45.00
146	Pinzon, 15c I/T, B-16cii, been wet.	15.00

YUKON TOKENS

DAWSON

147	Kilgore & Landahl Cigar Store, Y2550a, Very scarce.	350.00
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LIARD POST, B.C.

148	Hyland & Belfry, \$1 I/T, L7310c. Almost a Yukon token! Bubbled, scratched and worn, but surprisingly good for this description!	100.00
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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

149	Lamson-Hubbard Canadian Co., "1." This token was used at many LHC Co. posts in NWT.	45.00
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HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

150	HBC, 5,10,25,50 and 100 (cents) and square "1 " (white fox). Scarce set of 6.	175.00
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GREENLAND

IVIGTUT KRYOLITHBRUD

151	10 ore, VF-EF	30.00
152	2 Kroner, F-VF	60.00
152	10 Kroner, cupronickel, AEF	90.00

ICELAND

THINGEYRI

153	Thingeyri Bakery, 1 rye bread.	225.00
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TIERRA DEL FUEGO

SOCIEDAD EXPLOTADOR DE T. DEL F.

154	20 centavos I/M, red vulcanite	65.00
155	50 centavos I/M, red vulcanite.	65.00
156	Commemorative medals for S.E. de T. del F.: 50mm and 37mm, each in bronze, copper and oxidized silver (plated???) by the Santiago, Chile Mint. Attractive with sheep on one side, and sheep shearing and legend on the other. Six medals.	80.00

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPER -----CHRISTMAS SHOPPER 1995

MAKE IT GOLD THIS YEAR!!!



The Alaska State medals make a great gift, and this year is no exception. The puffin design is superb! Available in 1/10 ounce (\$80), 1/2 ounce (\$300) and one ounce (\$550) sizes.

For those that cannot afford gold, the silver with the same design are as follows: 1/10 ounce - \$5; 1/4 ounce - \$8.50 and one ounce prooflike - \$15. The one ounce is also available in proof for \$27, with a nice display case.



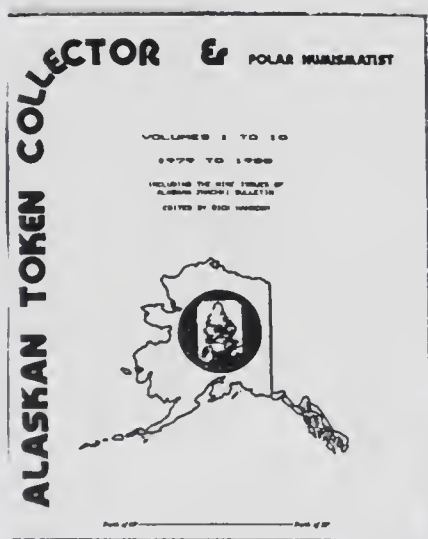
The second edition of the indispensable reference, "Alaska Tokens" by Ron Benice is still available. Suggested retail is \$40, and we are selling for \$35. This edition is completely renumbered.

Also available is the first (1960) and second (1965) editions of "Alaska's Coinage Through the Years" by Gould, Bresett, and in the second edition, Dethridge. These are \$22 and \$18 respectively.

"Yukon Numismatica" by Hill and Simpson is still available for \$15. "Christmas Tokens and Medals" by Arlie R. Slabaugh (1966) is \$2. The Santa Claus House medals are listed.

Only 3 copies "Alaskan Token Collector & Polar Numismatist", 10 year volume are left at \$150. This may be the last offering of this publication. Back issues of the newsletter are available at \$1 per issue.

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ALASKA 1 OZ. SILVER MEDALS

Below are a few items that are new, or did not get much press over the year. Other 1 oz. silver medals can be found on the order blank. Please check that list over carefully! All are standard 1 oz. silver size. Illustrations on some are reduced.

A new acquisition is the "El Sombrero Restaurant" medal that we had made years ago. Only 250 were struck, and this is the first time we have had the opportunity to offer these to our readers. An Alaskan medal with a Mexican flare. Only \$20.

The Alaska Prospectors baseball team. We were 2-4 in Phoenix, but we should have been 5-1. Just didn't get the hits when we needed them. The goldpanner has a small nugget in the pan. Only 50 were struck, originally \$50 each (but no takers). Now, lets just get ride of them at \$30 and let your editor recover his costs!



Alyeska Pipeline Club ordered these medals this year to sell at their pipeline viewing souvenir stores. A nice view of the pipeline, with our standard "Denali" reverse. An inexpensive 1 oz. silver medal at only \$18.00.



The Klondike Goldrush Centennial, 1898-1998 is our favorite issue of the year. Ok, so they are a couple hears ahead of time. A nice gold panner with nugget on the obverse, and a stylized "Chilkoot Pass" scene on the reverse. Priced at \$32.

The 1996 Iditarod medals are now available. For the first time, they are minted by the Alaska Mint. Two sled dogs straining at their leads are in the center. A simple, elegant design. The reverse is similar to previous issues.



We have all previous issues of the Iditarod medals available. Please see the order blank for prices on these earlier issues.



The 1995 Alaska Railroad medal features a locomotive pulling a flat car with logs, indicative of the importance of this industry to Alaska. The ARR logo adorns the reverse. This year's medal is \$27.

Previous years of the Alaska Railroad medal are available. Please see the order blank for prices on these earlier issues.

We have many, many one ounce silver medals in stock. These are listed on the order blank. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPPER 1995 - ORDER BLANK

OFFICIAL ALASKA BULLION MEDALS

- _____ 1989 Polar Bear, 1 oz. Silver @ \$65-----
- _____ 1989, 3 pc. short set; 1/10, 1/2 and 1 oz. Silver @ \$100-----
- _____ 1990 Walrus, 1 oz. Silver @ \$40-----
- _____ 1990 4 pc. Silver set @ \$60-----
- _____ 1990 1/10 oz. Gold @ \$250-----
- _____ 1991 Salmon, 1 oz. Silver @ \$60-----
- _____ 1991 4 pc. Silver set @ \$105-----
- _____ 1992 Eagle, 1 oz. Silver @ \$75-----
- _____ 1993 Wolf, 1 oz. Silver @ \$35-----
- _____ 1993 1 oz. Proof Silver @ \$75-----
- _____ 1993 3 pc. Silver set @ \$65-----
- _____ 1993 1/10 oz. Gold @ \$175-----
- _____ 1994 Bear, 1 oz. Silver @ \$25-----
- _____ 1994 1 oz. Proof Silver @ \$40-----
- _____ 1994 3 pc. Silver set (Proof) @ \$60-----
- _____ 1994 1/10 oz. Gold @ \$140-----
- _____ 1995 Puffin, 1 oz. Silver @ \$15-----
- _____ 1995 1 oz. Proof Silver @ \$27-----
- _____ 1995 3 pc. Silver Set (Proof) @ \$40-----
- _____ 1995 1 oz. Gold @ \$550-----
- _____ 1995 1/2 oz. Gold @ \$300-----
- _____ 1995 1/10 oz. Gold @ \$80-----

ALASKA ONE OUNCE SILVER MEDALS

- _____ "Visit Alaska This Summer or the Wolf Bites It" @ \$16-----
- _____ 1992 Alaska Highway/Lend Lease. Was \$16, specially priced at \$12.95-----
- _____ Alaska Transportation @ \$14-----
- _____ Unknown First Family @ \$28-----
- _____ U of A Woolly Mammoth @ \$28-----
- _____ U of A, Riverboat Nenana @ \$30-----
- _____ 1984 25th Anniversary of Statehood @ \$15 (very limited supply)-----
- _____ 1984 Presidential/Papal Visit to Fairbanks @ \$30-----
- _____ 1985 Purchase of the Alaska Railroad by the State of Alaska-----
- _____ 1985 50th Anniversary of the Matanuska Colony, was \$25, reduced @ \$15--
- _____ El Sombrero Restaurant @ \$20-----
- _____ Alyeska Pipeline Club @ \$18-----
- _____ Klondike Goldrush Centennial @ \$32-----
- _____ Alaska Prospectors Baseball Team, was \$50, reduced @ \$30-----

ALASKA ONE OUNCE SILVER MEDALS, cont.

_____	1990 Iditarod with error reverse (only 152 minted, limited supply) @ \$75-----	_____
_____	1991 Iditarod @ \$35-----	_____
_____	1992 Iditarod @ \$50-----	_____
_____	1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996 @ \$35 each-----	_____
_____	1991 or 1992 Iditarod with error reverse (only 25 minted) @ \$100 each-----	_____
_____	1993 Yukon Quest @ \$60-----	_____
_____	1994 Yukon Quest @ \$45-----	_____
_____	1995 Yukon Quest @ \$30-----	_____
_____	1996 Yukon Quest @ \$30 (in stock soon)-----	_____
_____	1991 Vitus Bering 250th Anniversary of the Discovery of Alaska @ \$18-----	_____
_____	1994 or 1995 Alaska Prospector @ \$25 each-----	_____
_____	Northern Lights (wolf howling at sky) @ \$20-----	_____
_____	1993/94 Mt. Vaughan Antarctic Expedition @ \$29-----	_____
_____	Sheldon Jackson Museum, Tlinget box top or beadwork designs @ \$25 each-----	_____
_____	Alaska Holidays bar, Bear with candy cane @ \$14-----	_____
_____	GOLD Tofty 1 oz. gold medal @ \$420-----	_____

Above prices subject to change, but guaranteed until Dec. 31, unless gold goes above \$400.

BOOKS -----BOOKS

_____	ATC&PN, 10 Year Volume, paper bound, only 3 left @ \$150-----	_____
_____	ATC&PN Back issues @ \$1 per issue or \$10 per year-----	_____
_____	Alaska's Coinage Through the Years, 1st edition (1960) @\$22-----	_____
_____	Alaska's Coinage Through the Years, 2nd edition (1965) @ \$18-----	_____
_____	Alaska Tokens by Ron Benice, 2nd edition (1995) @ \$35-----	_____
_____	Yukon Numismatica by Les Hill @ \$15-----	_____
_____	Christmas Medals & Tokens by Slabaugh (1966) @ \$2-----	_____

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King Salmon, AK	26	Prisons	4
Klondike	56,63,68	Private Treasury	17,26
Klondike Dollars	68	Prospector Apparel & Sporting Goods	59
Klondike Tourist Bureau	56	Prospector Outfitters	5,59
Klondike Visitors Association	63	Prudhoe, AK	30
Krau, Geo.	45	Prudhoe Bay, AK	30
K. V.A.	63	Punch Cards	4,51
Las Vegas, Nevada	3	Punta Arenas, Chile	57
Laurdy tokens	67	Rampart, AK	7
Little Creek Mine	55	Red Feather Saloon	6
Little, J.W.	67	Regal Alaskan Hotel	2
Los Amigos	67	Ross, James Clark	66
Love token	26	Russia	8
Lycan, Baber &	7	Salcha, AK	60
Lynn Canal Shrine Club	5	Salchaket, AK	60
MACS	38	Salchaket Post, Trading Post, and Roadhouse	60
Malamute Saloon	44	Salmon	63
Man Mining Company	53	Saloon	5,6,44,57
Manley Hot Springs, AK	53	Sandefjord, Norway	40
Mansfield, Ray	5	Santa Claus Banking Co.	45
Martin, M.E.	5	Savoy Bar	67
Masonic	5	Scrip	4,16,56,62
Maverick	67	Seward, AK	22,32
Meal Ticket	45	Shrine	5
Melville Isle, NWT, Canada	26	Siberia	4
Men's Senior Baseball League	59	Side Board Saloon	5
Midnight Sun Gifts	9	Silver, 1 oz.	3,5,11,17,25,30,31,38,53,55,59,63,65
Military	7,26,47	Sitka, AK	10
Military medals (decorations)	47	Skagway, AK	5,25,37
Miller, Bobby	53	Sourdough Lil's	37
Mt. McKinley #5 F. & A.M.	5	Spitsbergen	8,55,65
Munson, William	60	St. Paul Island, AK	57
Munson's Roadhouse	60	Sully's	67
Mutchler, David	60	Sunset Motors	26
Native Store	17	Sutton, AK	5,26,38
NCO Open Mess	26,39	Taku Hotel	9
Newfoundland...see		Tanana, AK	49
Channel-Port Aux Basques		TAPS Alliance	38
Gander		Telephone Cards	1,13,37
Grand Falls-Windsor		Tierra del Fuego	34,57
New York Life	51	Tofty, AK	53
New Zeland	66	Toy Quest	51
Nikiski Terrace Club	11	Trade Dollars	31,63
Nome, AK	45,66	Transportation tokens	38,57
Nome Water Co.	66	Truman's 515 Club	11
Northern, The	22,32,49	TUIT	51
North Pole, AK	5	Turnagain Tavern	11
North Pole Real Ice Cream	37	Tut's Service	11
Norway	8,40	Twisted Stitches	59
Northwest Territorial Mint	53	Unga, AK	5
Northwest Territories...see		Unga Station	5
Melville Isle		Utah Construction Co., The	68
Nyak, AK	53	Valdez, AK	5,45,52
Obituary	5	Valdez Bottle Stop	52
Ophir, AK	55	V.F.W.	11
Other Place, The	67	V.F.W. Post 9365	11
Oxenberg Bros.	10	Wasilla, AK	11
Paper Potpourri	2,10	Weinberg, Alan	7
Parker, Carl	53	Welch, Willis &	29
Parker Industries	53	Whaling	40
Parry, Sir William Edward	26	Whitehorse, Yukon	9,44,56
Par 4 Family Fun Center	5,59	White Pass Dance Hall	16
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